





My name is Alice, but --

It's a stupid name enough!' Humpty Dumpty interrupted impatiently. What does it mean?

'Must a name mean something?' Alice asked doubtfully.

Of course it must,' Humpty Dumpty said with a short laugh: `my name means the shape I am -- and a good handsome shape it is, too. With a name like yours, you might be any shape, almost.





But "glory" doesn't mean "a nice knock-down argument",' Alice objected.

When I use a word,' Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, 'it means just what I choose it to mean neither more nor less.

The question is,' said Alice, `whether you can make words mean so many different things.

The question is, said Humpty Dumpty, `which is to be master that's all.

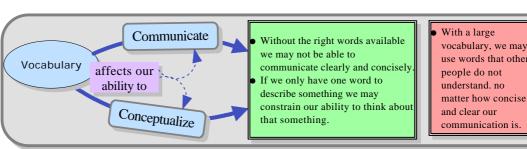




Alice was too much puzzled to say anything; so after a minute Humpty Dumpty began again. `They've a temper, some of them -- particularly verbs: they're the proudest -adjectives you can do anything with, but not verbs -- however, I can manage the whole lot of them! Impenetrability! That's what I say!'



"Fantastic piece of software with just a few minor flaws": are you working hard to stress the software



What words can be used to describe the "Application Under Test", and how do those words affect your thinking? Identify other descriptive words When we name a How do the thing differently, words affect

● What Operating Systems/Versions? Hardware Interfaces (Disk, Memory) Data Semantics Use it for what? Common Elements (Manual, Box, Help File, Apply What? (Functionality) Applied to What? we don't change the thing, but we How to apply it? can change our perception of it.

• Consists of what parts? "Application" Programming What Interfaces Data Syntax System Flow "Software" "Program" "System" **Descriptive Words**

"[Name][Version]" For Whom? What Problem? ● Effectiveness of Solution? Specific Changes Compared to what? Specific Risks Specific Requirements Have all changes been made? Delivery Dates and Schedules

"Solution"

, Basic Requirements Exercise: <mark>Generate your</mark> Induction <mark>own Heuristics or</mark> Heuristic Think Mnemonic Lists (Inference) Mnemnic Word Deduction

"Festering pile of bad Deductive Inference: If (Premise) then (Conclusion) code": are you Inductive Inference: If (Premise) then possibly {Conclusion1, Conclusion2, ...} positively motivated to test it yet?

We allow words to change our state. Compliment Insult

Exercise:

Use emotive words in your description:

- Do you feel differently about the thing?
- How does this state affect your testing?

Extensional Devices: distinguish between the word and the thing:

"[Name]"

Advertising Blurb

Generalities

Basic Feature Set

- Indexing: System_{v1.1} ≠ System_{v1.2}
- Dating: System_{v1.1} @07 February 2005
- Etc.: not all the aspects
- Quotes: 'Software Testing' is not a definition
- Hyphens: Paying-Customer-Usability-Testing is different from Internal-Usability-Testing ref: Alfred Korzybski, "The Role of Language in the Perceptual Processes"

vocabulary, we may

your thinking?