

Wordless Recognition

Wordless recognition is the recognition of an object without recalling the word for the object. The meaning and significance to the person of the object is present and available to the person perceiving the object. Wordless recognition fulfills the requirement for meaning and intended uses of objects without the cognitive contents being bound in words to relate to the objects. The objects, unnamed, set off trains of associations which undergird reflections. Words lag far behind the intuitions initiated by viewing of the objects.

(Husserl 1913, pp. 715-716)