

Most *somes* are not quantifiers

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Quantifier *some* stars in the semantics/pragmatics literature. But actually, natural discourse mostly shows English *some* in numerous other functions: ‘Determiner’, ‘small amount’, ‘considerable amount’, ‘partitive’, ‘downgraded’, ‘exclamatory’, ‘approximate’, ‘adverbial’. It is no accident that these rather different uses are all realized with the same lexeme. In this informal talk I will take a first shot at drawing up a semantic map in an attempt to connect all the uses of English *some*.