

Toward a Primary/Secondary Distinction

Using LP1, LP2, and their corollaries, rank each quality of an apple from 1 (veridical) to 5 (misrepresentative).

LP1: If one perceives an object as having two (or more) incompatible ideas, then those ideas do not represent real properties of the object.

LP1C1: Even if a change in us entails the change in the perceived quality, the ideas which change can not be veridical.

LP1C2: Qualities that appear different to different observers are not veridical.

LP2: If an idea of an object is the same under all conditions, that idea is veridical.

LP2C: If every observer receives the same idea from an object, then that idea is veridical.

Then, determine which properties you think are not really qualities of an apple and those which really are qualities of the apple.



- Red
- Round
- Cool to the touch
- Sweet, though a bit sour
- Shiny
- Smooth
- Crunchy, when chewed
- Weighs 4 oz.
- Has a mass of 120 grams
- Sits still on the table
- Is one apple
- Being considered by you
- Smells like an apple