

Syntax

His head cocked, Ben looked at her through one eye. "All right," he said agreeably. "You might also look at the context, and try to guess the syntax. Do you know what syntax means?"

"No."

"It means what things mean when they sit next to each other. Like: a fox chasing a chicken is one thing. A chicken chasing a fox is another. This swan in this place could mean 'My heart is tor between my girls and a swan.'"

Summer and Bird (p.42) by Katherine Catmull

Explain the meaning of syntax in your own words.

Why is the order of words important when composing sentences?