



How many acts does the following utterance express? Provide for the felicity conditions.

CORRECTION

'I will take you skiing for your birthday' (Fraser in Richards and Schmidth 1983)

I/ Promise

- 1- addresser must intend what he promises and be in a position to do it.
- 2- he must honour his promise; he must not lie (he is committed to carry it out).
- 3 -There must be something worth being promised.
- 4-The addressee desires something that will be to his benefit if done.

II/ Threat

If the addresser intends his act to be a threat, conditions will naturally change and be as follows.

- 1- Addresser must intend his utterance to be a threat and must be in a position to do it (he must have the right to issue a threat)
- 2- He must execute his threat
- 3- There must be reason for this act to be executed
- 4- The addressee does not like something (skiing) and that if he does not comply with some other act (to go to bed early in the case of a petulant child), the addresser will oblige him to do something he does not like or is dangerous for him.
- 5-The addressee knows about the act. He knows that his addresser will do something which will be to his cost (unfavourable to him) if done.