

# NLP TOOLKIT META MODEL PROCESS



Pattern	Example	Response
<b>DELETIONS</b>		
Simple Deletion	I am miserable	Miserable about what?
Comparative Deletion (good, better, best, worst etc)	She is better than me	Better at what? Better how?
Lack of Referential Index (failure to specify who/what)	They say it can't be done	Who, specifically, says it can't be done?
Unspecified Verb	She rejected me	How, exactly did she reject?
...ly Adverb (commentary that presupposes what comes next in sentence)	Obviously we need more time	How is it obvious?
Nominalisation (verbs that have been turned into nouns)	Communication in this office is poor	How are you communicating poorly?
<b>GENERALISATIONS</b>		
Universal Quantifiers (all, every, never, always etc)	She always ignores my emails	Always? What would happen if she didn't?
Modal Operators of Necessity (must, have to, should, mustn't shouldn't etc)	I should work late today	What would happen if you didn't?
Modal Operators of Possibility (can, will, can't, won't etc)	I can't go to the meeting tomorrow	What will happen if you do?

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<b>DISTORTIONS</b>		
Mind Reading (claiming to know someone's internal state)	You've never liked me	How do you know I don't like you?
Lost Performative (value judgements in which the person doing the judgement is left out)	It's wrong to judge others	Who says it is wrong? Wrong according to whom? How do you know it is wrong?
Cause-effect (cause is placed outside self)	You make me really angry	How does what I'm doing make you angry?
Complex Equivalence (a = b thinking)	You came home late, you don't love me	How does my coming home late mean I don't love you?
Presuppositions (what has to be true for the sentence to make sense)	If you appreciated how hard I work, I would be more motivated!	How am I failing to appreciate you? How do you know?