

ELL101: Semantics practice (Thematic roles)

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Jenny admired the painting.

Experincer

Jenny admired the painting.

Instrument?

Derek bent the tube.

Agentive

Derek bent the tube.

Theme

Fabian broke a vase.

Agentive

Fabian broke a vase.

Theme

A vase broke.

Theme

The children built a sand castle.

Agentive

The children built a sand castle.

Theme

The boys climbed the wall.

Agentive

The boys climbed the wall.

Locative

This key opens the door in my office.

Instrument

This key opens the door in my office.

Theme

This key opens the door in my office.

Locative

The door opens.

Theme

I closed the door.

Agentive

I closed the door.

Theme

The chef cooked a great meal with a pressure
cooker.

Agentive

The chef cooked a great meal with a pressure
cooker.

Theme

The chef cooked a great meal with
a pressure cooker.

Instrument

Sandra covered the birdcage.

Agentive

Sandra covered the birdcage.

Locative

We saw a new movie by Christopher Nolan.

Experiencer

We saw a new movie by Christopher Nolan.

Instrument?/Theme

We saw a new movie by Christopher Nolan.

Agentive

We crossed the street.

Agentive

We crossed the street.

Locative

That medicine cured my headache.

Instrument

That medicine cured my headache.

Theme

A mad bull damaged the fence.

Agentive

A mad bull damaged the fence.

Theme

We enjoyed the concert.

Experiencer

We enjoyed the concert.

Instrument?/Theme

Alan entered the library.

Agentive

Alan entered the library.

Locative

Doris hid the money (in the flowerpot).

Agentive

Doris hid the money (in the flowerpot).

Theme

Stout troops defended the castle.

Agentive

Stout troops defended the castle.

Locative?

Stout troops destroyed the castle.

Agentive

Stout troops destroyed the castle.

Theme

We quickly dug a ditch.

Agentive

We quickly dug a ditch.

Theme

Little Audrey drew a picture of two kittens.

Agentive

Little Audrey drew a picture of two kittens.

Theme

(On the way to the post office) I dropped the
package.

Agentive

(On the way to the post office) I dropped
the package.

Theme

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