L98: Introduction to Computational Semantics
Pre-Lecture 3 Exercise: “eating”

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Eating verbs

• List as many verbs for eating that you know in English
• For instance, *eat, gorge, stuff oneself, dine* and more that you can come up with yourself
• If unsure, you can use a thesaurus
• (you can also do this exercise in your own mother tongue if you like.)
Usage of “eat” verbs

• Think about how each of the verbs is used in a sentence.
• Write down the example sentences
• For instance, “He scoffed down a pizza.”, “She dined on oysters.”
• Any observations?
• The verbs all roughly mean “eat” – are the words fully replacable?