

# The `metaphor` Package

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## 1 Introduction

This package is licensed with [LPPL 1.3c](#), and provides commands that typeset conceptual metaphors and their mappings.

## 2 Dependencies

This package requires [imakeidx](#), [kvoptions](#), and [tabularx](#).

## 3 Package Options

`index` Defines an index named `metaphors` of all metaphors and metonyms in the document made using the commands in §4.1 and §4.2.

```
\makeindex[name=metaphors,title=Index of Metaphors and Metonyms]
```

Print the index with

```
\printindex[metaphors]
```

and add the index to the table of contents with

```
\addcontentsline{toc}{<secunit>}{Index of Metaphors and Metonyms}
```

`indextitle=<title>` Sets the title of the Metaphor/Metonymy index. Default: `Index of Metaphors and Metonyms`. Note that curly braces `{...}` are required for index titles with spaces.

**borders** Enables table borders.

Default:

LOVE IS A JOURNEY<sup>1</sup>

JOURNEY		LOVE
the travelers	→	the lovers
the vehicle	→	the love relationship itself
the distance covered	→	the progress made
the obstacles encountered	→	the difficulties experienced
decisions about which way to go	→	choices about what to do
the destination of the journey	→	the goal(s) of the relationship

with borders:

LOVE IS A JOURNEY

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**thickness=<length>** Sets border thickness. Default: 0.4pt

Example: **thickness=1.5pt**

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**rowheight=<factor>** Controls vertical spacing between rows.

Default: 1.0

IDEAS ARE FOOD<sup>2</sup>

IDEAS		FOOD
cooking	→	thinking
swallowing	→	accepting
chewing	→	considering
digesting	→	understanding
nourishment	→	mental well-being

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<sup>1</sup>[1, p. 9]

<sup>2</sup>[1, p. 83]

Example: rowheight=2.0

IDEAS ARE FOOD

IDEAS		FOOD
cooking	→	thinking
swallowing	→	accepting
chewing	→	considering
digesting	→	understanding
nourishment	→	mental well-being

`small` and `footnotesize` Respectively apply the `\small` and `\footnotesize` font sizes.

Default:

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE PLANTS<sup>3</sup>

PLANT		SOCIAL ORGANIZATION
the whole plant	→	the entire organization
a part of the plant	→	a part of the organization
growth of the plant	→	development of the organization
removing a part of the plant	→	reducing the organization
the root of the plant	→	the origin of the organization
the flowering	→	the best stage, the most successful stage
the fruits or crops	→	the beneficial consequences

`small`:

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE PLANTS

PLANT		SOCIAL ORGANIZATION
the whole plant	→	the entire organization
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growth of the plant	→	development of the organization
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the fruits or crops	→	the beneficial consequences

`footnotesize`:

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the fruits or crops	→	the beneficial consequences

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<sup>3</sup>[1, p. 10]

`xcols` Converts the table from a `tabular` environment to a `tabularx` environment with columns of type X and with a table width of  $\langle table-width \rangle \cdot \text{\textwidth}$ :

Default:

A TARGET IS A SOURCE

SOURCE	→	TARGET
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.		Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing

```

\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[xcols]{metaphor}

\begin{document}
  \metaphor{a target is a source}
  \begin{metaphormapping}[<table-width>]{source}{target}
    \map{Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.}{Lorem
      ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.}
  \end{metaphormapping}
\end{document}

```

Example: `table-width=0.5`

A TARGET IS A SOURCE

SOURCE	→	TARGET
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.		Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.

## 4 Commands and Environments

### 4.1 The `metaphor` command

```

\NewDocumentCommand{\metaphor}{m}{%
  \ifmetaphor@index
    \index[metaphors]{\textsc{#1}}%
    \textsc{#1}
  \else
    \textsc{#1}
  \fi
}

```

Example: TIME IS MONEY

### 4.2 The `metonym` command

```

\NewDocumentCommand{\metonym}{m}{%
  \ifmetaphor@index
    \index[metaphors]{\textsc{#1}}%
    \textsc{#1}
  \else
    \textsc{#1}
  \fi
}

```

Example: A PART FOR THE WHOLE

### 4.3 The metaphormapping environment and the map command

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{metaphor}

\begin{document}
  \metaphor{a target is a source}
  \begin{metaphormapping}{source}{target}
    \map{hello world}{lorem ipsum dolor sit amet}
  \end{metaphormapping}
\end{document}
```

A TARGET IS A SOURCE

SOURCE	TARGET
hello world	→ lorem ipsum dolor sit amet

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{metaphor}

\begin{document}
  \metaphor{anger is a hot fluid in a container}
  \begin{metaphormapping}
    {hot fluid in a container}{anger}
    \map{the physical container}{the angry person's body}
    \map{the top of the container}{the rational self of the angry person}
    \map{the hot fluid inside the container}{the anger}
    \map{the degree of fluid heat}{the intensity of anger}
    \map{the cause of increase in fluid heat}{the cause of anger}
  \end{metaphormapping}
\end{document}
```

ANGER IS A HOT FLUID IN A CONTAINER<sup>4</sup>

HOT FLUID IN A CONTAINER	ANGER
the physical container	→ the angry person's body
the top of the container	→ the rational self of the angry person
the hot fluid inside the container	→ the anger
the degree of fluid heat	→ the intensity of anger
the cause of increase in fluid heat	→ the cause of anger

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<sup>4</sup>[1, p. 123]

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## References

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