24.251 Comprehension Exercise
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Russell in 'On Denoting' says, "A logical theory may be tested by its capacity for dealing with puzzles" (p233 in Martinich). He lists "three puzzles which a theory as to denoting ought to be able to solve."

1. What are the puzzles and how does Russell propose to solve them? This should take about 2 pages.

2. Pick one of the puzzles and say, very briefly, whether you think that Russell's solution is satisfactory. If you have an objection, present it concisely. If you have more than one, just give what you take to be the most decisive. Do not devote more than one page to this task.

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