

Aristotle's Categories of Predication

Category	Question Asked?	Example	Type of Change
Substance ➤ Primary ➤ Secondary	<i>What is it?</i> <i>What is its essence?</i>	Socrates <u>is a man</u> .	Corruption – a loss of substance. Generation – a gain of substance.
Quantity	<i>How much of it?</i>	Socrates <u>is 5'2"</u> .	Augmentation – an increase in quantity. Diminution – a decrease in quantity.
Quality	<i>What sort of thing is it? What is it like?</i>	Socrates <u>is wise</u> .	Alteration
Location	<i>Where is it?</i>	Socrates <u>is in prison</u> .	Locomotion
Relation	<i>How is it in relation to another thing?</i>	Socrates <u>is greater than Alcibiades</u> .	
Time	<i>When is it?</i>	Socrates <u>lives in 399 B.C.</u>	
Position	<i>How is it situated?</i>	Socrates <u>is seated</u> .	
Habit	<i>What does it have or possess?</i>	Socrates <u>has a beard</u> .	
Action	<i>What is it doing?</i>	Socrates <u>is drinking hemlock</u> .	
Passion	<i>What is being done to it? What is it undergoing?</i>	Socrates <u>is being executed</u> .	

Aristotle's Four Causes

Material Cause	Efficient Cause	Formal Cause	Final Cause
What is it made of?	What "sets it into motion?"	What form does it take?	What is its end or purpose?

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