

The paper distinguishes belief from acceptance. Acceptance without belief can occur in fiction and in suppositions made for planning purposes. When the context involves acceptance of something, sincerity, truth and even knowledge are relativized to what is accepted. The candidate *knew* the answer to the literature examiner's question ("Where did Holmes live" – "Baker Street") and was graded accordingly. The distinction makes for graceful and straightforward handling of some issues concerning the ontology of fiction.