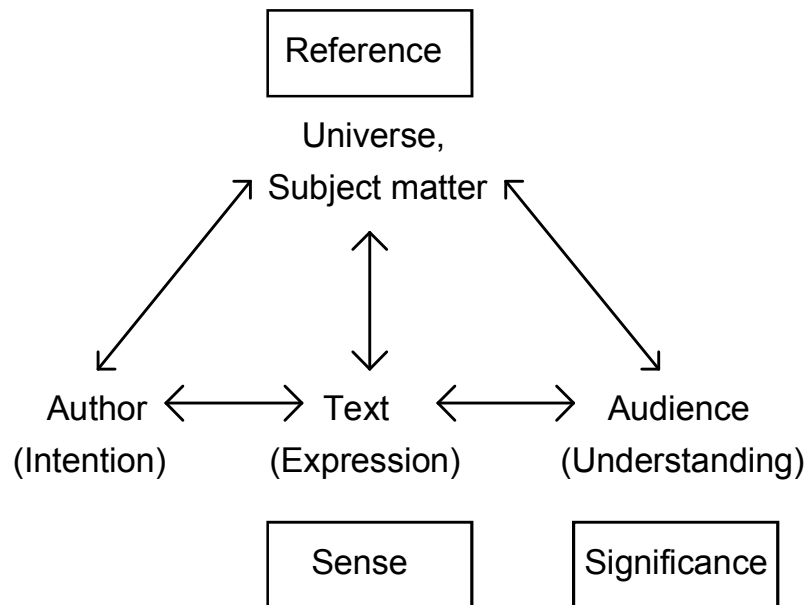


## Aspects of Meaning

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“A **text** is a discourse in which **someone** says **something** to **someone else** about **something**.”  
-- P. Ricoeur



The author **intends** to communicate a meaning.  
He or she creates a text to **express** that meaning.  
The audience attempts to **understand** that meaning.

**Sense:** What the text **says**. Dictionary definitions of the words and ordinary understanding of the grammar.

**Reference:** What the text **refers to** (points to) in the real world.

**Significance:** How the text relates to the life of any given **audience** (“what it means to me”).