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In linguistics, definiteness is a semantic feature of noun phrases (NPs), distinguishing between referents/entities that are identifiable in a given context (definite noun phrases) and entities which are not (indefinite noun phrases).. There is considerable variation in the expression of definiteness across languages and some languages do not express it at all. In linguistics, deixis (/ ? d a? k s ? s /) refers to words and phrases, such as "me" or "here", that cannot be fully understood without additional contextual information—in this case, the identity of the speaker ("me") and the speaker's location ("here"). Words are deictic if their semantic meaning is fixed but their denotational meaning varies depending on time and/or place. Our full-service Chicago office has nearly 300 attorneys who concentrate on a wide range of transactional, dispute and regulatory matters for corporate, government and nonprofit clients as well as individuals.