

Reading questions for Fodor, "Special Sciences"

- (1) What is the thesis of "the generality of physics"?
- (2) What is the thesis of the "unity of science," also called "reducibility to physics," also known as "reductionism"?
- (3) Why is it unlikely that "every kind corresponds to a physical kind"? What does your answer suggest about the thesis of reductionism?
- (4) Explain what is going on in Fig. 39.1 (510).
- (5) Why is it that physical laws hold across the board, while the laws of special sciences like psychology always admit of exceptions?

Reading questions for Kim, "Multiple Realization"

- (6) What is "multiple realization" and why is it taken to argue against reductionism?
- (7) What are the two points that must be assumed for the argument of "Special Sciences" to go through (519)?
- (8) What reasons does Kim give for denying that "jade" is a natural kind?
- (9) How is the fact that "jade" is not a natural kind supposed to suggest that "pain" is not a natural kind either?
- (10) What is "mental eliminativism" and why is Kim attracted to it? (526-7)