Ratio                            Definition                                   One-Sentence Example

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| Scene-act | Setting determines action. | “The ominous cliff compelled him to kill himself.” |
| Scene-agent | Setting determines the person. | “You are where you come from.” |
| Scene-agency | Location determines appropriate tools for the job. | “If you live in the city, you better have a gun to protect yourself.” |
| Scene-purpose | The location determines what a person hopes to accomplish. | “I work at a restaurant. My goal is to make you happy.” |
| Act-scene | The action shapes the location. | “My church wasn’t the same after the priest stole donations.” |
| Act-agent | The action shapes the person. | “You are what you do.” |
| Act-agency | The action determines which tools are right for the job. | “If our men go to war, they need body armor.” |
| Act-purpose | The action tells you something about the person’s intent. | “A person would only act that way if he was trying to save his child.” |
| Agent-scene | The person shapes the setting. | “The whole office changed when she started working here.” |
| Agent-act | Certain people act in certain ways. | “Homeless people always ask me for money.” |
| Agent-agency | Only these people have access to the right tools. | “The president does not negotiate with terrorists.” |
| Agent-purpose | A person’s character tells you something about their intentions. | “All liberals want to destroy the country.” |
| Agency-scene | The tools constrain and enable the setting or situation. | “A hospital is only as good as its medical equipment.” |
| Agency-act | The tools determine how a person will act. | “If you put a gun in a child’s hands, he’s probably gonna’ pull the trigger.” |
| Agency-agent | The available tools shape a person’s character. | “Unlimited power creates tyrants.” |
| Agency-purpose | The available tools shape a person’s intentions. | “Without rescue equipment, this became a search for dead bodies.” |
| Purpose-scene | A person’s intentions affect the situation or setting. | “Courtrooms are bastions of dishonesty, because lawyers care about winning more than truth.” |
| Purpose-act | A person’s intent shapes his or her actions. | “The murder was an act of self-defense.” |
| Purpose-agent | A person’s intent reflects his or her character. | “I’m not a bad person.  I didn’t mean to hit you.” |
| Purpose-agency | Intention determines the right tools to use for the job. | “If you want to help me, shut up for a second!” |