

Abstract of Process, Action and Experience

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There are two ways to think about occurrences – either as on going processes or as completed events. This corresponds to the distinction between using the continuous and using the perfective aspect in describing them. Treating the occurrences involved in action and experience as completed events became normal in philosophy up to the twentieth century and has led to the rise of functionalism and various identity theories. But only by treating such occurrences as on going processes can we capture their subjective aspect, both in terms of practical reasoning and in terms of self-awareness.