

Box 12.3

Examples of Categorical Syllogisms

Premises are above the lines; valid conclusions, if they exist, are below the lines.

All red books are astronomy books.
All astronomy books are large.

All red books are large.

Some pilots are magicians.
All magicians are Pisces.

Some pilots are Pisces.

No liberals are Republicans.
Some wealthy people are not Republicans.

Nothing follows.

Some documents are not paper.
Some documents are not legal.

Nothing follows.

All psychology majors are curious.
No tennis players are curious.

No tennis players are psychology majors.

No union members are fearful.
No children are fearful.

Nothing follows.