Reading Response: Karttunen (1973) 'Presuppositions of Compound Sentences'

One Quick Note: Unless you are feeling logically adventurous, you should skip sections 8 and 10 of this paper, as they deal with some purely formal matters that will not be relevant for us. Also, section 11, while certainly interesting, is not absolutely necessary.

Provide a concise overview (one single-spaced page of targeted prose should be sufficient) of the Karttunen reading, which addresses the following questions:

(A) What is the projection problem for presuppositions? State the problem as precisely as you can, using examples drawn from the reading or of your own construction.

(B) What is meant by the classificatory terms *plugs*, *holes*, and *filters*?
     In your own words, describe the characteristic behavior of the members of each class as precisely as you can, and provide examples of each class.

(C) What is the importance of examples (25), (29), and (30) in section 9 of the paper? What is the conclusion that Karttunen draws from these examples?

You should also feel free to discuss other points that strike you as interesting or important, to raise objections to Karttunen's claims, or to pose any questions that arose while reading this chapter.