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## Gettier's Problem

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This paper will introduce to you about the Gettier's Problem and how it is related to knowledge. The concept of knowledge is a perfect candidate for philosophical analysis. In the first place, it is not a strange or technical term, all of us can, and do, use the noun *knowledge* and various forms of the verb *to know* quite frequently and quite correctly. In the course of ordinary life, we often reject, often with good reasons, various people's claims to know this or that.

Fortunately, philosophers have developed widely accepted analysis of the concept of knowledge. According to this standard account, knowledge is justified true belief i.e. JTB.

Gettier problems or cases are named in honour of the American philosopher Edmund Gettier. This problem, in the field of epistemology, is a landmark philosophical problem concerning of understanding of knowledge. Attributed to American philosopher Edmund Gettier, Gettier type counter examples which is also called Gettier cases challenge, the long held justified true belief i.e, JTB account of knowledge.

Gettier, Edmund (1927- ): American philosopher, who's *Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?* (1963), offers counter-examples to show that even justified true belief may not be genuine knowledge in cases where that which justifies one's belief happens not to be related directly to the truth of what one believes.

JTB can be expressed, in explicit analytical form, as follows:

X knows that P IFF

- i) X believes that P;
- ii) It is true that p; and
- iii) X justified in believing that p ( if X does)

I know that  $2+2=4$ , for example, just in case (or just when) I believe that  $2+2=4$ ; is true that  $2+2=4$ ; and I am justified in believing that  $2+2=4$ . Similarly, you know

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