English is Beautiful or Complicated

Professor Ernest Brennecke of Columbia is credited with inventing a sentence that can be made to have eight different meanings by placing ONE WORD in all possible positions in the sentence:

"I hit him in the eye yesterday."

The word is "ONLY".

The MESSAGE

1. **ONLY** I hit him in the eye yesterday. (No one else did.)
2. I **ONLY** hit him in the eye yesterday. (Did not slap him.)
3. I hit **ONLY** him in the eye yesterday. (I did not hit others.)
4. I hit him **ONLY** in the eye yesterday. (I did not hit outside the eye.)
5. I hit him in **ONLY** the eye yesterday. (Not other organs.)
6. I hit him in the **ONLY** eye yesterday. (He doesn't have another eye.)
7. I hit him in the eye **ONLY** yesterday. (Not today.)
8. I hit him in the eye yesterday **ONLY**. (Did not wait for today.)

This is the beauty and complexity of the English language.
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