ABSTRACT: It is well known that textual analysis must depend on semantic analysis. What this study aims at showing, however, is how important structures themselves are in determining the meaning of discourse. It is a question of showing that semantic analysis must depend on textual analysis. This study has two distinct parts. The first part will deal with the argumentative ambiguity of texts. The second part will be devoted to the linguistic means that will resolve this argumentative ambiguity, and particularly the role that textual organization has in the argumentative interpretation of texts. This study will be supported by La Fontaine's 'Le Lion et le Rat'.