Study Questions on Stevenson and Wilson

The authors claim that in olfaction the mind understand the world of smells as organized into objects.

Explain briefly the mechanism by which the mind succeeds in isolating an “object” from the many different gaseous chemicals that bombard our olfactory organs all the time.

By “object” what to the authors seem to mean? The way they are using the word “object,” is it a single thing in the physical world? Is it a class of things? Is it a class of gases that we sense as having an identifiable odor? In vision we are able to single out and “see” single physical objects. Can we do so with olfaction?