

7. NSM Modules

Category	Primes
Substantives	I, YOU, SOMEONE, PEOPLE, SOMETHING/THING, BODY
Relational Substantives	KIND, PART
Determiners	THIS, THE SAME, OTHER ELSE ANOTHER
Quantifiers	ONE, TWO, SOME, ALL, MUCH/MANY, LITTLE/FEW
Evaluators	GOOD, BAD
Descriptors	BIG, SMALL
Mental predicates	THINK, KNOW, WANT, DON'T WANT, FEEL, SEE, HEAR
Speech	SAY, WORDS, TRUE
Actions, Events, Movement	DO, HAPPEN, MOVE
Existence, Possession	BE (SOMEWHERE), THERE IS, BE (SOMEONE/SOMETHING), (IS) MINE
Life and Death	LIVE, DIE
Time	WHEN/TIME, NOW, BEFORE, AFTER, A SHORT/LONG TIME, FOR SOME TIME, MOMENT
Space	WHERE/PLACE, HERE, ABOVE, BELOW, FAR, NEAR, SIDE, INSIDE, TOUCH (CONTACT)
Logical Concepts	NOT, MAYBE, CAN, BECAUSE, IF
Intensifier, Augmentor	VERY, MORE
Similarity	LIKE/AS/WAY

8. Culture-specific NSM Modules

Category	Primes
Anatomy	voice, to grow, sick/ill, soul
Physical acts	pick up
Familial	brother, sister
Topology	edge, hole
Places	country, home, school, village/town/city
Material	metal, glass, paper
Mechanical	wheel, pipe, wire, engine, electricity, machine
Major cultural concepts	money, book, read, write, number, science, law, king/chief, teacher, doctor

9. Proposed universal NSM-modules

Category	Primes
Body parts	hands, mouth, eyes, head, ears, nose, face, teeth, fingers, breast, skin, bones, blood
Physical	long, round, flat, thin, hard, soft, sharp, smooth, heavy
Spatial / physical	be on something, at the top, at the bottom, in the middle, in front of, around
Environmental	sky, the Earth, sun, moon, stars, ground, during the day, at night
Times	day
Fire and water	water, fire
Biological	creature, grow, egg, tail, wings, feathers
Biosocial	children, men, women, be born, mother, father, wife, husband
Materials	wood, stone
"Knowing" and "naming"	know (someone), be called
"Doing"	hold, make, kill, breathe, sleep, sit, lie, stand, play, laugh, sing