*Danish Semantic Primes, with English equivalents (Levisen 2012; 2015)*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **JEG, DU, NOGEN, NOGET~TING, MENNESKER~FOLK, KROP** | substantives |
| i, you, someone, something~thing, people, body |
| **SLAGS, DELE** | relational substantives |
| kinds, parts |
| **DEN HER, DEN SAMME, ANDEN** | determiners |
| this, the same, other~else |
| **ÉN, TO, NOGLE, ALLE, MEGET~MANGE, LIDT~FÅ** | quantifiers |
| one, two, some, all, much~many, little~few |
| **GOD, DÅRLIG** | evaluators |
| good, bad |
| **STOR, LILLE~SMÅ** | descriptors |
| big, small |
| **VED, TÆNKER, VIL~VIL HAVE, VIL IKKE~VIL IKKE HAVE, FØLER, SER, HØRER** | mental predicates |
| know, think, want, don’t want, feel, see, hear |
| **SIGER, ORD, DET PASSER** | speech |
| say, words, true |
| **GØR, SKER, BEVÆGER SIG** | actions, events,  movement |
| do, happen, move |
| **ER (ET STED), DER ER, ER (NOGEN/NOGET)** | location, existence,  specification |
| be (somewhere), there is, be (someone/something) |
| **(ER) MIN** | possession |
| (is) mine |
| **LEVER, DØR** | life and death |
| live, die |
| **NÅR~TID, NU, FØR, EFTER, LÆNGE, KORT TID,  ET STYKKE TID, ØJEBLIK** | time |
| when~time, now, before, after, a long time, a short time,  for some time, moment |
| **HVOR~STED, HER, OVER, UNDER, LANGT VÆK, TÆT PÅ, SIDE, INDE I, RØRER** | place |
| where~place, here, above, below, far, near,  side, inside, touch |
| **IKKE, MÅSKE, KAN, HVIS, FORDI** | logical concepts |
| not, maybe, can, because, if |
| **MEGET, MERE** | intensifier, augmentor |
| very, more |
| **SOM~MÅDE** | similarity |
| like~as~way |

**Notes**: • Exponents of primes can be polysemous, i.e. they can have other, additional meanings • Exponents of primes may be words, bound morphemes, or phrasemes • They can be formally complex • They can have language-specific combinatorial variants (allolexes, indicated with ~) • Each prime has well-specified syntactic (combinatorial) properties.