*German Semantic Primes, with English equivalents*

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| **ich, du, jemand, etwas~ding, menschen~leute, körper** | substantives |
| i, you, someone, something~thing, people, body |
| **arten, teilen** | relational substantives |
| kinds, parts |
| **diese(r), dasselbe, andere(r)** | determiners |
| this, the same, other~else |
| **eins, zwei, einige, alle, viel~viele, wenig~wenige** | quantifiers |
| one, two, some, all, much~many, little~few |
| **gut, schlecht** | evaluators |
| good, bad |
| **groß, klein** | descriptors |
| big, small |
| **wissen, denken, wollen, nicht wollen, fühlen, sehen, hören** | mental predicates |
| know, think, want, don’t want, feel, see, hear |
| **sagen, wörter, wahr** | speech |
| say, words, true |
| **tun, passieren, bewegen** | actions, events, movement, contact |
| do, happen, move |
| **(irgendwo) sein, es gibt, (jemand/etwas) sein** | location, existence,  specification |
| be (somewhere), there is, be (someone/something) |
| **(ist) mein** | possession |
| (is) mine |
| **leben, sterben** | life and death |
| live, die |
| **wenn~zeit, jetzt, vor, nach, eine lange zeit, eine kurze zeit, einige zeit, moment** | time |
| when~time, now, before, after, a long time, a short time, for some time, moment |
| **wo~ort, hier, über, unter, weit, nah, seite, innen, berühren** | place |
| where~place, here, above, below, far, near, side, inside, touch |
| **nicht, vielleicht, können, weil~wegen, wenn** | logical concepts |
| not, maybe, can, because, if |
| **sehr, mehr** | intensifier, augmentor |
| very, more |
| **wie~als~weise** | 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.