*Trini (Trinidad) Semantic Primes, with English equivalents (Levisen and Jogie 2015)*

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| **I, YUH**, **sUMbody**, **sumting**~**ting**, **people**, **BODY** | substantives |
| i, you, someone, something~thing, people, body |
| **KINDA**, **PART** | relational substantives |
| kinds, parts |
| **DIS, DE same, Odah**~**else** | determiners |
| this, the same, other~else |
| **WUN**, **TOO**, **sum, all, PLENTY**, **FEW** | quantifiers |
| one, two, some, all, much~many, little~few |
| **GOOD**, **BAD** | evaluators |
| good, bad |
| **BIG**, **Smol** | descriptors |
| big, small |
| **TINK**, **Know**, **WANT**, **EH WANT**, **FEEL**, **SEE**, **HEAR** | mental predicates |
| know, think, want, don’t want, feel, see, hear |
| **SAY**, **WUD**, **troo** | speech |
| say, words, true |
| **DO**, **HAPPEN**, **MOVE** | actions, events,  movement |
| do, happen, move |
| **DEy in**, **IT HA**, **BE (SUMBODY/SumTING)** | location, existence,  specification |
| be (somewhere), there is, be (someone/something) |
| **(is) mine** | possession |
| (is) mine |
| **LIVE**, **DEAD** | life and death |
| live, die |
| **WHEN**~**TIME**, **NOW**, **BEFORE**, **AFTER**, **AH LONG TIME**,  **AH SHORT TIME**, **FOR A LIL BIT**, **vaps** | time |
| when~time, now, before, after, a long time,  a short time, for some time, moment |
| **WHEY**~**PLACE**, **HERE**, **ON TOP, UNDER, FAR**, **NEAR**, **side**, **INSIDe**, **TOUCH** | place |
| where~place, here, above, below, far, near, side,  inside, touch |
| **EH**, **MAYBE**, **cud**, **BECAUSE**, **IF** | logical concepts |
| not, maybe, can, because, if |
| **REL**, **MORE** | intensifier, augmentor |
| very, more |
| **LIKE** | 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.