

Creating linguistic resources for use in digital humanities: notes from one proudly South African adventure

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In this presentation...

- Quick introduction to the AfWN and the MLTB respectively
- Our approach and experiments
- What we learnt from it
- Suggestions and conclusion

Wordnets in a nutshell

- Princeton WordNet for English

(<https://wordnet.princeton.edu/>)

- Open Multilingual

Wordnet

(<http://compling.hss.ntu.edu.sg/omw/>)

WordNet Search - 3.1

- [WordNet home page](#) - [Glossary](#) - [Help](#)

Word to search for:

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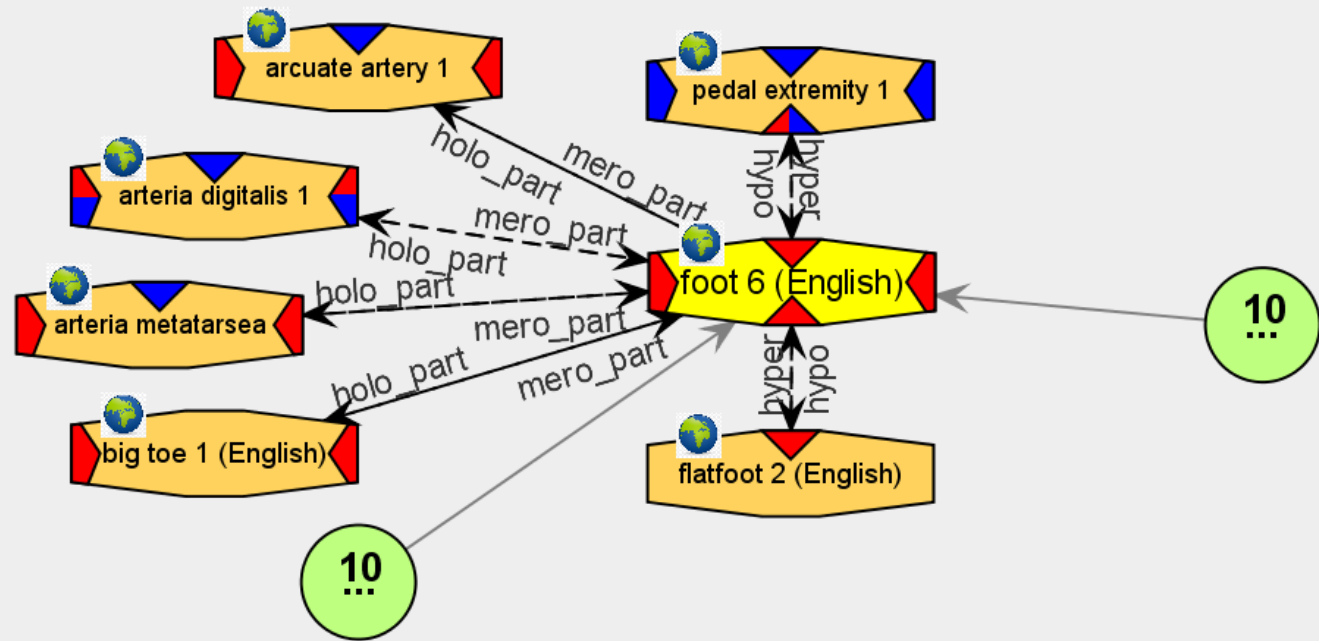
Key: "S:" = Show Synset (semantic) relations, "W:" = Show Word (lexical) relations

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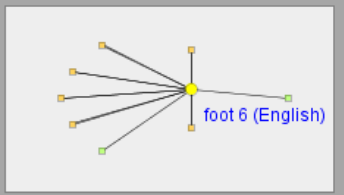
Noun

- [S:](#) (n) **noun** (a content word that can be used to refer to a person, place, thing, quality, or action)
 - [direct hyponym](#) / [full hyponym](#)
 - [S:](#) (n) [collective noun](#) (a noun that is singular in form but refers to a group of people or things)
 - [S:](#) (n) [mass noun](#) (a noun that does not form plurals)
 - [S:](#) (n) [count noun](#) (a noun that forms plurals)
 - [S:](#) (n) [generic noun](#) (a noun that does not specify either masculine or feminine gender)
 - [S:](#) (n) [proper noun](#), [proper name](#) (a noun that denotes a particular thing; usually capitalized)
 - [S:](#) (n) [common noun](#) (a noun that denotes any or all members of a class)
 - [part meronym](#)
 - [direct hypernym](#) / [inherited hypernym](#) / [sister term](#)
- [S:](#) (n) **noun** (the word class that can serve as the subject or object of a verb, the object of a preposition, or in apposition)

foot 6 (English) X



▼ Preview



▼ Synset

Embedded Senses

- foot 6 (English)
- human foot 1 (English)
- pes 1 (English)

Semantic Properties

Definition

the part of the leg of a human being below the ankle joint

Examples

his bare feet projected from his trousers armored from head to foot

Link

Identifiers

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Corpus examples

AfWN development: Background (1)

- The African Wordnet has steadily added more synsets, definitions and usage examples to wordnets for 9 South African languages
 - 2007: Initial workshop with all South African languages represented
 - 2010: Development starts for isiZulu, isiXhosa, Setswana and Sesotho sa Leboa
 - 2013: Addition of Tshivenda
 - 2018: Addition of Sesotho & Siswati
 - 2019: Addition of Xitsonga & isiNdebele
 - 2020-2022: Expansion of these languages and new release
- South African Digital Language Resource Centre (SADiLaR) became the long-term host for the AfWN in 2018

AfWN development: Background (2)

- The *expand approach* is suggested for less-resourced languages
 - Uses the tried and tested ontological structure and content of an existing wordnet (often the English Princeton WordNet (PWN)) as a template
 - Translation of synsets from (American) English to the target language
 - Advantages: no advanced language resources needed & a less complicated approach for inexperienced teams
 - Disadvantages: labour intensive task; requires advanced linguistic knowledge from the team & time spent on unlexicalised concepts
- AfWN followed this advice and is still using the PWN as guide, although the need for more intricate localization has become obvious
- The AfWN currently includes roughly 70 000 synsets across the 9 languages

First experiment: Linking wordlists to the PWN (1)

- The AfWN team acquired the following resources:
 - English-Venda Bilingual Dictionary (Murphy; 1997)
 - The Comprehensive Northern Sotho Dictionary (Ziervogel and Mokgokong; 1975)
 - trilingual monodirectional dictionary for Northern Sotho, Afrikaans and English;
 - Setswana-English Dictionary (Brown; 1925);
 - For isiXhosa and isiZulu, a selection of private bilingual wordlists were made available to the project team
- Since language resources are a scarce commodity, we have to make the most of what we have

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12996 Yale adv. . Aforetime ; lately ; some time ago ; then. Yale ka, at the time when ; referring to a past time.
12997 Yalo adv. . Thus, so. Referring to something past.
12998 Yalwa / jalwa v. ., pass. of yala, pft. yadilwe, is being sown.
12999 Yaana v. ., pft. yaanye, rec. of ya, bite, or eat, each other.
13000 Yana adv. ., of manner, Thus, so. Used of present or future ; adv. of time. Now.
13001 Yanong / jaanong adv. . of time, Now.
13002 Yantse v. ., pft. of yanya, has struck hard and wounded, as with a sword.
13003 Yantsha v. ., pft. yantshitse, caus. of yanya, cause to strike against, etc.
13004 Yantshana v. ., pft. yantshanye, rec. of yantsha, strike against each other, as swords.
13005 Yantshanya v. ., pft. yantshantse, caus. of yantshana, cause swords, etc., to strike against each other ; engage, as swordsmen in a duel.
13006 Yarata n. ., pl. diyarata, A yard, or compound (for.).
13007 Yayarega v. ., pft. yayaregile, be in a rage ; rage with anger.
13008 Yararego n. ., from yayarega, furious anger ; rage.
13009 Ye / le pron. ., used with nouns of le class, This.
13010 Yecwe / jetswe v. ., pft. pass. of yala / jala, is sown.
13011 Yega / jega v. ., pft. yegile / jegile, consume away ; be eaten, or worn away ; v., used as adj., Eatable.
13012 Yegela / jegela v. ., pft. yegetse / jegetse, prep. form of yala. Yegetsela, he completely ate up, he ate by force.
13013 Yela / jela v. ., pft. yetse / jetse, prep. form of yala. Yelatsela, he completely ate up, he ate by force.
se yelang, that which is used in connection with eating.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	NOTE: The Setswana words are all NOUNS												
2	Please mark in Column C:												
3	If the word in Column A and the definition in column D IS A MATCH: y												
4	If the word in Column A and the definition in column D IS NOT A MATCH: n												
5													
6	Setswana	English	YES/NO	ID and definition									
7	dikgomo	cattle		ENG20-02315126-n: domesticated bovine animals as a group regardless of sex or age									
8	mochwari / motshwari	catcher		ENG20-09270162-n: (baseball) the person who plays the position of catcher									
9	sensera	censer		ENG20-02886674-n: a container for burning incense (especially one that is swung on a chain in a religious ritual)									
10	legare	centre		ENG20-08386915-n: a low-lying region in Central France									
11	mmoko	chaff		ENG20-13962575-n: material consisting of seed coverings and small pieces of stem or leaves that have been separated from the seeds									
12	ketane	chain		ENG20-07866336-n: a series of things depending on each other as if linked together									
13	bompolokwane	chains		ENG20-03452934-n: metal shackles: for hands or legs									
14	sepora	chair		ENG20-02894344-n: a seat for one person, with a support for the back									
15	seruha	chamber		ENG20-02896126-n: a natural or artificial enclosed space									
16	lobobu	chameleon		ENG20-09275064-n: a changeable or inconstant person									
17	seganka	champion		ENG20-09275301-n: someone who has won first place in a competition									
18	sedimogo	chance		ENG20-13660635-n: a possibility due to a favorable combination of circumstances									
19	kgopana	chaplet		ENG20-04427188-n: flower arrangement consisting of a circular band of foliage or flowers for ornamental purposes									
20	pheko	charm		ENG20-04492995-n: attractiveness that interests or pleases or stimulates									
21	lehelepa	cheat		ENG20-11378023-n: weedy annual grass often occurs in grainfields and other cultivated land; seeds sometimes considered poisonous									
22	lerama	cheek		ENG20-05282822-n: either side of the face below the eyes									
23	kase	cheese		ENG20-07376222-n: a solid food prepared from the pressed curd of milk									
24	lengau	cheetah		ENG20-02046147-n: long-leoped spotted cat of Africa and southwestern Asia having nonretractile claws; the swiftest mammal; can be trained to									

Setswana WN - Mozilla Firefox

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[n] seatla 2

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POS: n ID: ENG20-05246212-n BCS: 3
Synonyms: seatla :2
Definition: serve sa mmele se se tshwarang kana se go dirwang ka sone
Usage: tshwara ka seatla sa moja fa
Domain: anatomy
SUMO/MILO: BodyPart
-> [holo_part] motho:7
-> [holo_part] letsogo:1, lebogô:1
-> [hyponym] diphelelo:1, karolo wa tokololo e e kaakala le mmele:1
-> [hyponym] go huna letswele:1, letswele:1
-> [mero_part] monwana:4
-> [mero_part] kgolokwe:3, kgwele:8
-> [hyponym] seatla sa moja:1, moja:2

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English WN - Mozilla Firefox

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[n] bridge player:1, hand:11
[n] hand:1, manus:1, mitt:1, paw:2

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POS: n ID: ENG20-05246212-n BCS: 3
Synonyms: hand :1, manus :1, mitt :1, paw :2
Definition: the (prehensile) extremity of the superior limb
Usage: he had the hands of a surgeon
Usage: he extended his mitt
Domain: anatomy
SUMO/MILO: + BodyPart
-> [hyponym] extremity:5
-> [holo_part] homo:2, man:5, human being:1, human:2
-> [holo_part] arm:1
-> [eng_derivative] paw:2
-> [eng_derivative] pass:5, hand:1, reach:8, pass on:1, turn over:1, give:17
-> [mero_part] digital arteries:1, arteria digitalis:1
-> [hyponym] fist:1, clenched fist:1
-> [derived] manual:1
-> [eng_derivative] pass:5, hand:1, reach:8, pass on:1, turn over:1, give:17
-> [mero_part] metacarpal artery:1, arteria metacarpea:1
-> [mero_part] finger:1

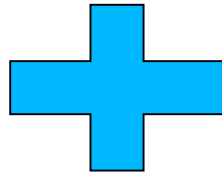
Querying a dictionary is complete

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Current strategy: SILCAWL list and translations (1)

- An African alternative to Eurocentric seed lists can be found in the SIL Comparative African Wordlist (SILCAWL), compiled by Keith Snider and James Roberts (2006)
 - It is a list of lexical data (1700 words with both English and French glosses) resulting from linguistic research in Africa
 - The items are organized semantically under twelve main headings from man's physical being to animals and grammatical items
- The hypothesis: Creating a more localised (South African) English source text and then translating this into all 9 South African languages not only fast-tracks development of new synsets, but also forms a multilingual parallel sub-corpus of commonly used concepts

Current strategy: SILCAWL list and translations (2)

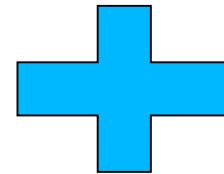


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WordNet

A Lexical Database for English



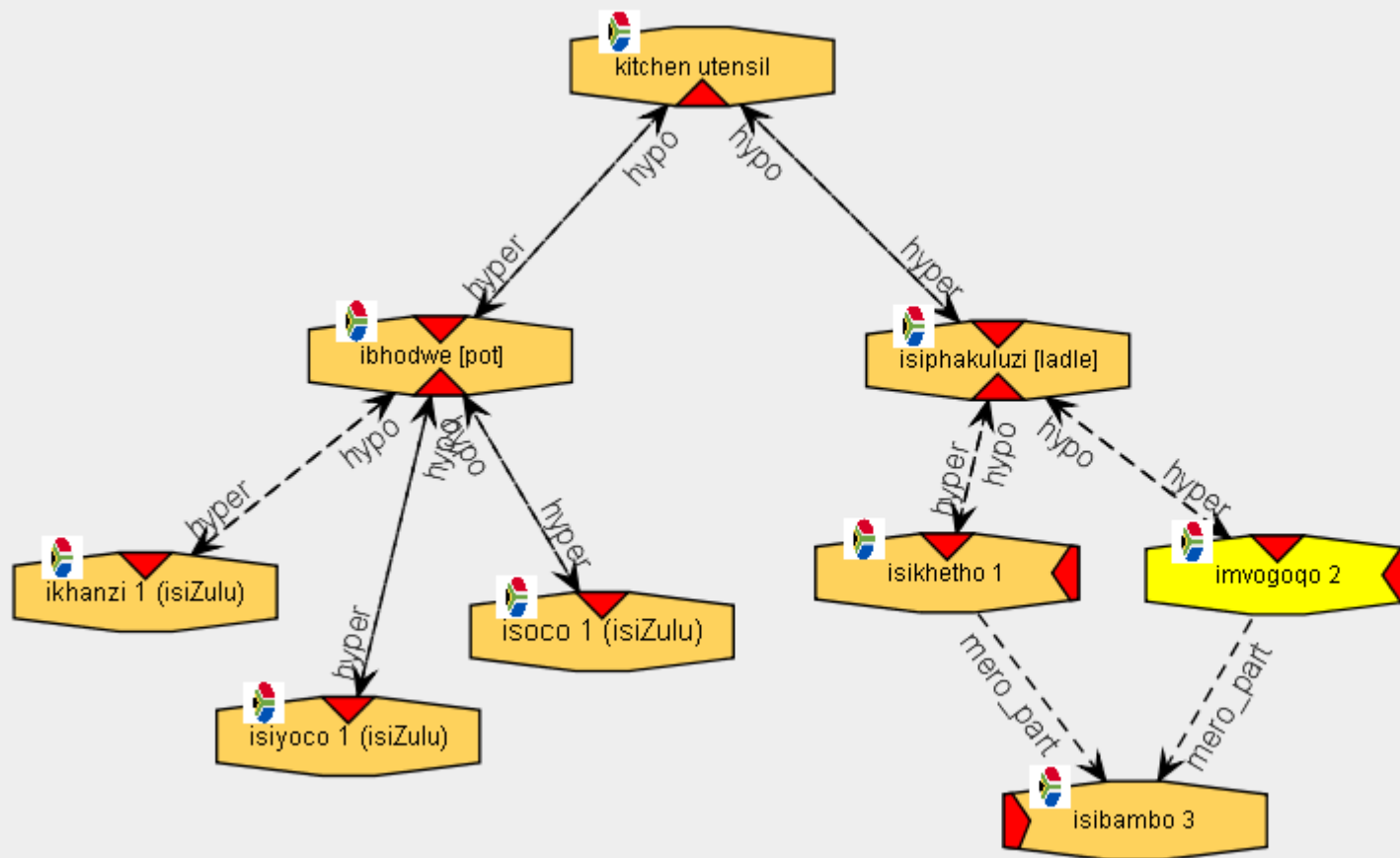
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Current strategy: SILCAWL list and translations (3)



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1		<u>English Synonym</u>	<u>PWN ID</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>NSO Synonym</u>	<u>English Definition</u>	<u>NSO Definition</u>	<u>English Usage</u>	<u>NSO Usage</u>
2	1	body	ENG20-05232131-n	n	setoto	the body excluding the head and neck and limbs	mmele go sa akaretšwe hlogo le molala le maoto	the dancers moved their bodies to the music	babini ba sepedišitše mebele ya bona ba binela mmimo
3	2	skin (of man)	ENG20-04936703-n	n	letlalo	a natural protective covering of the body; site of the sense of touch	selo sa tlhago seo se pipilego mmele; lehlakore la sekwi sa go kgongwa	your skin is sensitive to the sun	letlalo la gago le tšhaba letšatši
4	3	head	ENG20-05221598-n	n	hlogo	the upper part of the human body or the front part of the body in animals; contains the face and brains	karolo ya godingwana ya mmele wa motho goba karolo ya bokapele bja mmele goba karolo ya ka pele ya mmele wa diphoofolo; e na le sefahlego le mabjoko	he banged his head on the low door	o ile a bethiša hlogo ya gagwe lebating la fasana
5	4	forehead	ENG20-05282535-n	n	phatla	the part of the face between the hair and the eyes. [Definition from OERTB (http://oertb.tlterm.com/)]	karolo ya sefahlego gareng ga moriri le mahlo. [Tihalošo e tšwa go OERTB (http://oertb.tlterm.com/)]	I have wrinkles on my forehead	ke na le mašošo phatleng ya ka
6	5	face	ENG20-05280660-n	n	sefahlego	the front of the human head from the forehead to the chin and ear to ear	karolo ya ka pele ya hlogo ya motho go tloga phatleng go ya setedung le go tloga tsebeng go ya go ye nngwe	I wish I had seen the look on his face when he got the news	ke duma ge nka be ke bone sefahlego sa gagwe ge a ekwa ditaba tšeo



▼ Synset

Embedded Senses

imvongoqo 2 (isiZulu)

imvongoqo 1 (isiZulu)

Semantic Properties

Definition

isipuni sokuphaka esikhulu esibaziwe
esinesitsha esinomgodi oshonayo noma
esinomgodi ovulekile

Examples

ubaba ubaza imvongoqo

Link

Lessons learnt: technical errors

- The existing AfWN data contains errors that can be identified and corrected (semi-) automatically
- Although the translators did an excellent job, many errors still occurred
- Language independent SQL scripts were developed to identify and correct these errors
 - Capital letters and punctuation;
 - Empty mandatory fields;
 - Invalid/incorrect information in fields with set values (POS and semantic relations for instance); etc.

Lessons learnt: language specific decisions (1)

- The South African English source text certainly made a difference but we soon realised that each language would also present unique challenges
 - Translation for wordnets was definitely a specialised activity due to the hierarchical nature and technical constraints
- African languages often use euphemisms to refer to taboo terms and are the preferred form in some languages
 - Xitsonga: the concept of “breaking wind/farting”
 - Biological translation = *tamba*
 - Preferred euphemism = *humesa moya* – literally translated as “to kill an insect”
- AfWN team decided to include both as synonyms with a tag to indicate the taboo term

Lessons learnt: language specific decisions (2)

WordNet Search - 3.1

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Word to search for:

Noun

- [S: \(n\) home plate](#), [home base](#), [home](#), slab where the batter stands; it must be
- [S: \(n\) plate](#) (a sheet of metal or wood or glass or plastic)
- [S: \(n\) plate](#) (a full page illustration (usually on slick paper))
- [S: \(n\) plate](#) (dish on which food is served or from which food is eaten)
 - [direct hyponym](#) / [full hyponym](#)
 - [S: \(n\) dessert plate](#) (a small plate on which dessert can be served)
 - [S: \(n\) dinner plate](#) (a plate from which a diner eats during the main course of a meal)
 - [S: \(n\) paper plate](#) (a disposable plate made of cardboard)
 - [S: \(n\) salad plate](#), [salad bowl](#) (a plate or bowl for individual servings of salad)
 - [S: \(n\) soup plate](#) (a deep plate with a wide rim)
 - [S: \(n\) steel plate](#) (a plate of steel)
 - [direct hypernym](#) / [inherited hypernym](#) / [sister term](#)
- [S: \(n\) plate](#), [plateful](#) (the quantity contained in a plate)
- [S: \(n\) plate](#), [crustal plate](#) (a rigid layer of the Earth's crust that is believed to drift slowly)

Lexical gap: no distinction between plates for use by children or adults in (American) English

Lessons learnt: language specific decisions (3)

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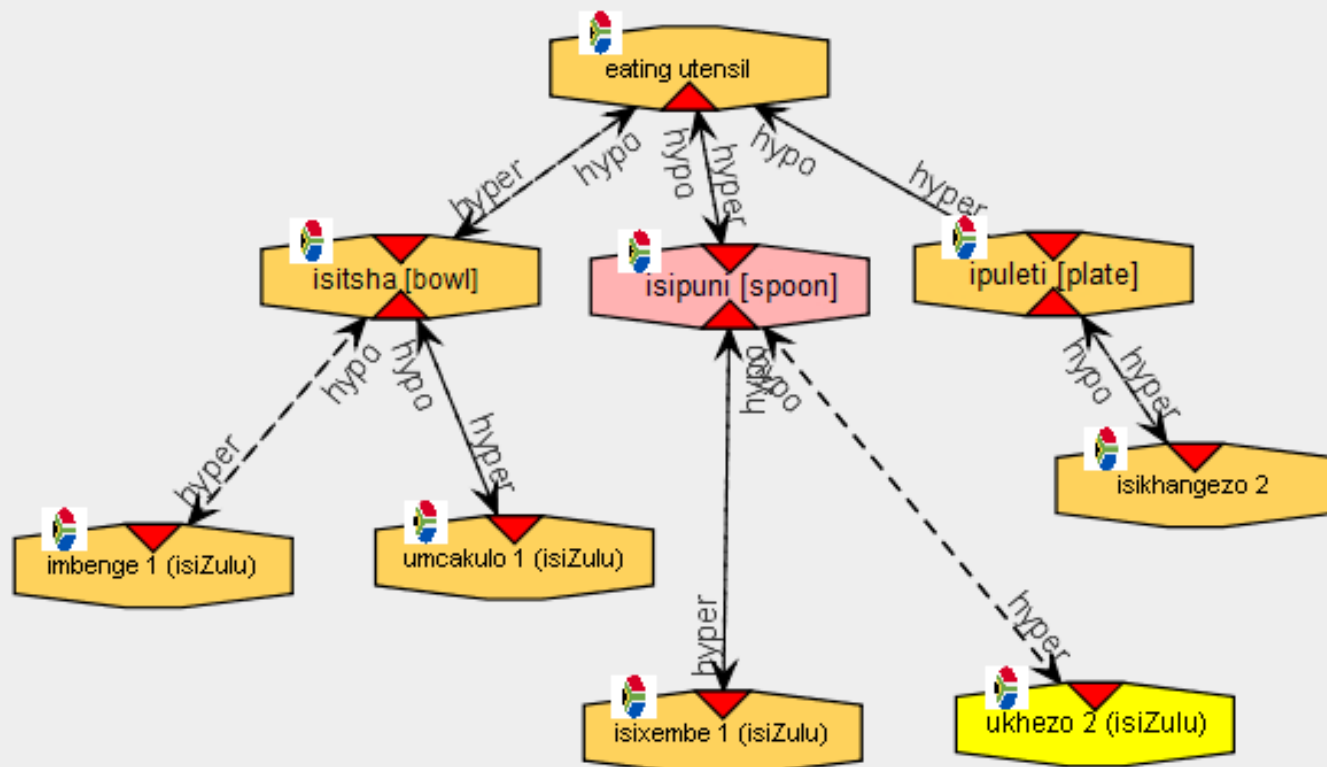
Search

Lexical gap: no distinction

between *gourd* and *calabash* in (American) English

Noun

- [S:](#) (n) **gourd**, [calabash](#) (bottle made from the dried shell of a bottle gourd)
 - [direct hypernym](#) / [inherited hypernym](#) / [sister term](#)
 - [S:](#) (n) **bottle** (a glass or plastic vessel used for storing drinks or other liquids; typically cylindrical without handles and with a narrow neck that can be plugged or capped)
- [S:](#) (n) **gourd** (any of numerous inedible fruits with hard rinds)
- [S:](#) (n) **gourd**, [gourd vine](#) (any vine of the family Cucurbitaceae that bears fruits with hard rinds)



Synset

Embedded Senses

ukhezo 2 (isiZulu)
ingxwembe 1 (isiZulu)
isixwembe 1 (isiZulu)
ingxembe 1 (isiZulu)

Semantic Properties

Definition

isipuni esibaziwe sokuphaka amasi noma okunye ukudla okuwuketshezi

Examples

ngiphakele amasi ngokhezo olusha

Term banks in a nutshell

Open Educational Resource Term Bank - UP

(<http://oertb.tlterm.com/>)

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Search in: English Enter Search Query: sulphate Target language: isiZulu Subject area: Chemistry

Search

Results: 0

Chemistry

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Background

- Need for standardisation of terms in African languages
- Different source language for students meant confusion
- Freely available, editable and standardised term bank with linguistic terminology needed
 - To be used in classrooms from a very early age

Process

- Initially the plan was to perform (semi-) automatic term extraction after digitisation of old study guides
 - Strange fonts and other technical problems meant this was impossible
- Setting up a manual term list by team of experts was the only way
- Loosely based on terms used in guides
- Multilingual is NB
- Difference – not focussed on English base meaning

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	number	term	definition of the term	source of the definition of the term	ENG	example of use	source of example	creation date	notes	see also	internal
1	66	maadingwa	mantšu a a tšerwego polelong ye nngwe a tlišw a ka go ye nngwe go tlo šoma bjalo ka mantšu a polelo yeo ye mpsha		borrowings	Mantšu a Sesotho sa Leboa a go swana le 'lelepol'a le 'sepikiri' ke maadingwa					
67	67	tšhutišo ya dikgoro	go theošw a ga maemo, bjalo ka ge madiri a theoga ka maemo go ba mathušl		category shifting	Go dumelw a gore mabopi a '-ka-', '-sa-' le '-tlo-' a thomile e le madiri a go ikema					
68	68	lediriši	lediri le le nago le moselana wa '-iš-		causative	Katološo ya lediriši e na le go hlola diphetogomedumo					
69	69	moselana wa lediriši	moselana wa lediriši '-iš-' o laetša gore yo mongwe goba se sengwe se dirišw a tiro goba go thušw a go dira se sengwe		causative extension	Lentšu le 'ngwadiša' le na le moselana wa '-iš-' go laetša go diriša yo mongwe tiro goba go mo thuša go e dira					
70	70	tlhatlamanomabaka	tatelanano ya ditragalo go ya ka madiri mo lefokong		chronological succession	Re fihlile gae, ra hlapa, ra ja, ra robala' ke mohlala wa tlhatlamanomabaka mo lefokong					
71	71	legoro	karolo yeo maina a a swanago ka dihlogo, a bile a na le ditlhalošo tša go sepelelana, a hlophšhago ka go yona		class	Maina a maleme a Batho a hlophšha go ya ka magoro			mohlala, <i>moya</i> ke leina le le welago legorong la 3.		
72	72	tlhopho	peakanyo ya mantšu go ya ka go swana ga ona ka popego, tšhomišo le tlhalošo		classification	Ye nngwe ya dipharologantšho tše bohlokwa tša maleme a Batho ke tlhopho ya maina ka magoro					
73	73	thabe	seripa sa polelo se se fetago lentšu eupša se fetwago ke lefoko		clause	Dithabe tše dingwe di kgona go ikema mola tše dingwe di ithekga ka tše dingwe			lefokwana		
74	74	sethathapi	modumo wa go kwagatšw a ka mokgw a wa go thathapa		click sound	Maleme a Senguni a na le dithathapi mola Sesotho sa Leboa <i>se se natšo</i>					Na 'w' ga se
75	75	leithekgi	karolo ya polelo ye e swanago le lentšu eupša e ka se kgone go ikemela e nnoši poledišanong		clitic	Dikarolo tša go swana le: <i>hile, ge, etla hile</i> goba <i>etla ge</i> ke maithekgi					
76	76	momagano	tshepetšo yeo mantšu a mabedi a kopanago go bopa lentšu letee		coalescence	Mo go ' <i>Ke rata ja</i> ' rato ke momagano ya <i>rata</i> le <i>go</i>					
77	77	sedirw a-setšw alediring'	seo ka sebopego se laetšago gore se tšw a lediring ebile tlhalošo ya sona e šetše e le gona ka lediring		cognate object	Lefoko le ' <i>Fula e na mono wa go šitša</i> ' le na le mohlala wa sedirw a-setšw alediring e lego mono					
78	78	tlhalošokgopolo	lereole le šomišwago ka thutatlhalošo go šupa tlhalošotho ya lentšu goba tlhagišo ya polelo		cognitive meaning	Tlhalošokgopolo e hlalošiw a ka dipharologantšho tše di thulanago bjalo ka [tšophelo] moo leswika e tla bago [-bophelo] mola khudu e tla ba [+bophelo]					
79	79	leinakgoboko	leinantšupalego le le šupago sehlopha sa dilo		collective noun	Maina a bjalo ka mohlape le ngata ke mainakgoboko					

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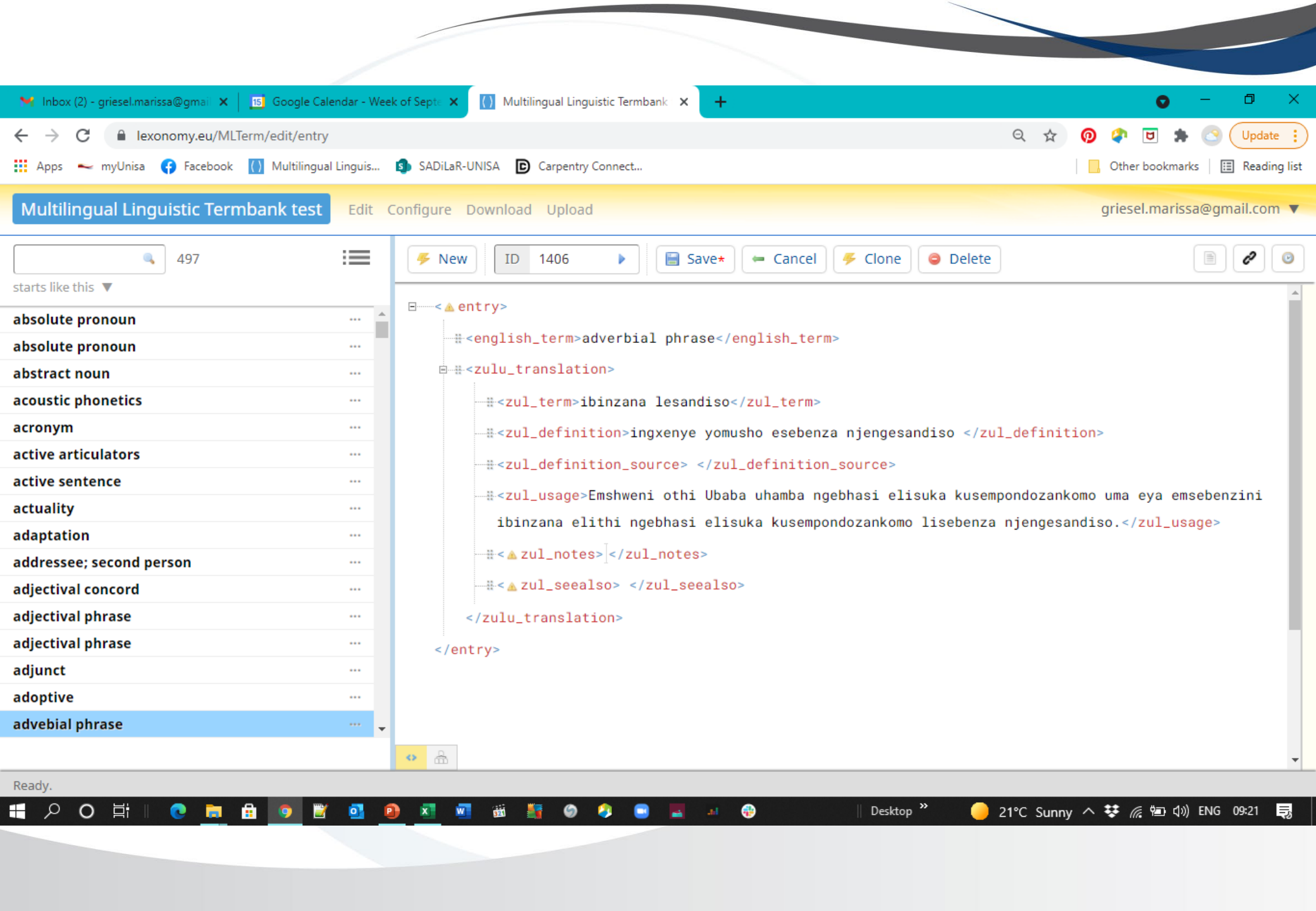
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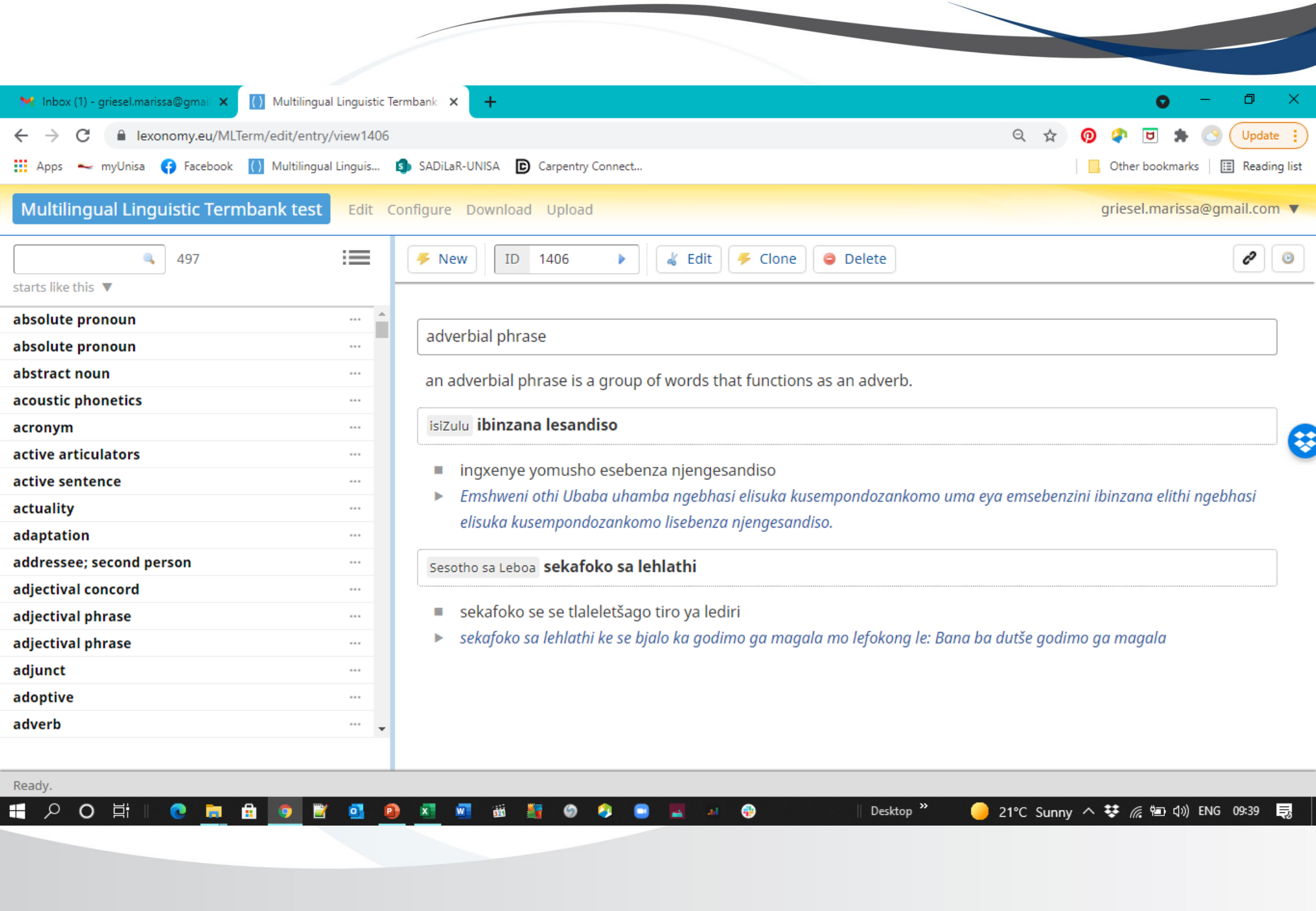
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- absolute pronoun
- absolute pronoun
- abstract noun
- acoustic phonetics
- acronym
- active articulators
- active sentence
- actuality
- adaptation
- addressee; second person
- adjectival concord
- adjectival phrase
- adjectival phrase
- adjunct
- adoptive
- adverb

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adverbial phrase

an adverbial phrase is a group of words that functions as an adverb.

isiZulu ibinzana lesandiso

- ingxenye yomusho esebenza njengesandiso
- Emshweni othi Ubaba uhamba ngebhasi elisuka kusempondozankomo uma eya emsebenzini ibinzana elithi ngebhasi elisuka kusempondozankomo lisebenza njengesandiso.

Sesotho sa Leboa sekafoko sa lehlathi

- sekafoko se se tlaletšago tiro ya lediri
- sekafoko sa lehlathi ke se bjalo ka godimo ga magala mo lefokong le: Bana ba dutše godimo ga magala

Suggestions (1)

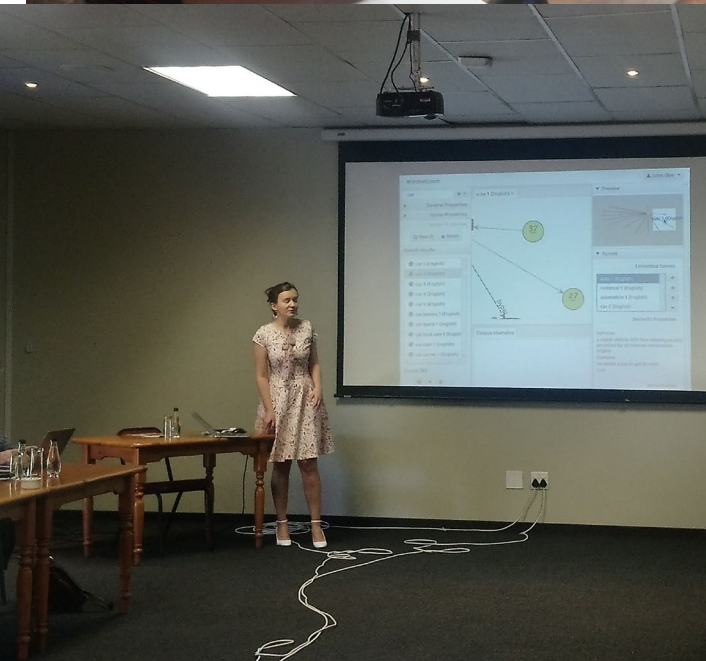
- Some improvements could be implemented immediately:
 - Better understanding of the use of the translations by both the English lexicographer and the African language translators is essential;
 - The style guide was updated to include more detailed instructions with examples in various languages;
 - Where possible, closely related languages such as isiZulu and isiXhosa could benefit from shared translations.

Suggestions (2)

- Other measures will take some more work to implement:
 - AfWN: Adding morphological analysis or as a minimum lemmatisation to the quality assurance pipeline to check that the lemma is used in the usage example, for instance, will reduce the amount of confusing sentences;
 - Both projects: Including quality assurance measures such as spell checking, checking for mandatory fields left open or invalid values for some fields directly into the development interface is a long-term goal.

Conclusion

- All data developed in the project will be made available under a Creative Commons license via the SADiLaR language resource repository
 - Hope to increase NLP development particularly for the African languages;
 - All users have to be aware of certain linguistic and technical decisions made during development so that they can also make provision for certain aspects in their systems;
- Nothing beats a good old round table discussion to sort out some of the standardisation problems or find more creative solutions.



Thank you

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