



Worksheet 2: Exercises on Lexis

This is the second of the worksheets that need to be completed and included in your portfolio. The first was the exercise on nominalization and nominal style.

1. Find a fairly specialized text of no more than about one A4 page in length. Reproduce the text as an appendix at the end of your assignment. If you are not sure which text to choose, then you can discuss the matter with me in class, or by email, or over a coffee. The FIELD of the text could be the same as the field you chose for your oral presentation, or it could be different.
2. List all the lexical items in the text (i.e., all the content words, leaving out the function words). If there are lexical items that consist of more than one orthographic word, include them as well. For each lexical item, state whether it is part of general English vocabulary, part of the technical vocabulary associated with the field, or something in between.
3. Choose 5 lexical items, and list (for each item) at least one synonym or near-synonym
4. Choose 2 lexical items, and list (for each item) at least one antonym
5. Choose 2 lexical items, and list (for each item) at least one hyperonym or hyponym or co-hyponym
6. Choose 2 lexical items, and list (for each item) at least one meronym or co-meronym.
7. Choose 5 lexical items, and list (for each item) as many derived lexical items as you can, using as many derivational morphemes as you can think of.