**Semantic Primes**

**aUI:**

- a: Space
- b: Being
- c: Together
- d: Through
- e: Movement
- f: This
- g: Inside
- h: Question
- i: Light
- j: Equality
- k: Above
- l: Round
- m: Quality
- n: Quantity
- o: Life
- p: Before
- q: Condition
- r: Good
- s: Thing
- t: Toward
- u: Human
- v: Action
- w: Power
- x: Relation
- y: Negation
- z: Part

O = feeling, i = light, iO = light sense = vision. I = sound, IO = sound sense = hearing.
U = thought, t = toward, Ut = thought toward = in order to, y = the opposite, yUt = because.
v = action, iOv = vision action = see.
U = person, f = this, fu = this person = I, n = quantity, fnu = this number-of-people = we.
b = together, bu = together person = person with me = you (sg), bnu = you (pl).
r = good, riO = good vision = beauty.
k = above, E = matter, kE = above matter = gas (which rises), kEn = gas of quantity = air.
o = life, s = thing, os = living thing = animal. io = light life = plant. kEnos = air animal = bird.
bos = together animal = animal with us = domestic animal.
w = power, a = space, ua/au = human space = home, waubos = strong-home domestic animal = dog.
vu = active human = man (male), yvu = opposite-of-active human = passive human = woman.
m = quality, mi = quality light = color, mia* = color 1 = red, mie* = color 2 = yellow (and so on through the rainbow with green, blue, and violet also without the m).
E = matter, z = part, Ez = matter part = element, Eza* = element 1 = Hydrogen (and so on through Uranium, EzU*I*, at least).
tu = toward person = offspring, tvu = toward male = son, ytu = opposite toward person = from person (or opposite child) = parent, ytLu = from round person = mother (also ytyvu) ytytu = grandparent, jytu = same parent = sibling, jytytu = first cousin (not official).
dzav = through-part-space-verb = penetrate, Ed = matter-through = means by which.

**NSM:**

Substantives: I, YOU, SOMEONE, PEOPLE, (SOME)THING, BODY
Determiners: THIS, THE SAME, OTHER
Quantifiers: ONE, TWO, SOME, ALL, MANY/MUCH
Evaluators: GOOD, BAD
Descriptors: BIG, SMALL
Intensifier: VERY
Mental Predicates: THINK, KNOW, WANT, FEEL, SEE, HEAR
Speech: SAY, WORD, TRUE
Action/event/movement/contact: DO, HAPPEN, MOVE, TOUCH
Existence/possession: THERE IS/ EXISTS, HAVE
Life & death: LIVE, DIE
Time: WHEN/TIME, NOW BEFORE, AFTER, A LONG TIME, A SHORT TIME, FOR SOME TIME, MOMENT
Space: WHERE/PLACE, HERE, ABOVE, BELOW, FAR, NEAR, SIDE, INSIDE, TOUCHING
Logical concepts: NOT, MAYBE, CAN, BECAUSE, IF
Augmentatives: VERY, MORE
Taxonomy, partition: KIND OF, PART OF
Similarity: LIKE
“X feels sad =
  X feels something
  Sometimes a person thinks something like this
    Something bad happened
    If I didn’t know that it happened, I would say
      I don’t want it to happen
      I don’t say this now because I know I cannot do anything
    Because of this, this person feels something bad
  X feels something like this.

X has emotion Y =
  X feels something good/bad
  Sometimes a person thinks something like this
  ....
  Because this person thinks this way, this person feels something good/bad
  X feels something like this because X thinks something like this

“X is angry (at Y)” the thoughts which X’s are like are
  This person Y did something bad
  I don’t want this person to do something like this
  I want to do something to this person because of this

X is happy” follows the same pattern but sets the choice to “good” and the thoughts to
  Some very good thing happened to me
  I wanted things like this to happen
  I don’t want other things now.

Sky
  Is something very big
  People can see it
  People can think this about something
    It is a place
    It is above all other places
    It is far from people.

“X broke Y” =
  X did some thing to Y
  Because of this something happened to Y at the same time
    It happened in one moment
    Because of this afterwards Y was not one thing any more.

First person plural (exclusive):
  I am thinking of some people
  I am one of these people
  You are (not) one of these people

Order:
  (I say) I want you to do it
  (I think) You have to do it because of this

Ask
  (I say) I want you to do this
  (I think) You don’t have to do it because of this.
X is green =
In some places many things grow out of the ground
When one sees things like X one can think of this

A kind of thing
If people wanted to say many things about things of this kind, they could say these things: …
for artifacts (category : a kind of things made by people) one would say thinga about purpose, material, shape and size

For natural kinds (a kind of animal/living thing) the things said would be about habitat, size, appearance, behavior, and relation to people

For food (things people eat) people might talk about origin, appearance (shape, color/ripeness, size), how eaten (preparation, taste, edible and inedible parts).

toki pona
telo mute li tawa ma Seki, a. ni li ike!
Water much (is) move country Czech. Oh! This (is) bad
A lot of water goes to the Czech Republic. Oh, this is bad!
tempo lete pini li lon tempo mute. kon telo walo mute li kama lon ma
time cold finished (is) present time much. Air water white (is) come present
country
Last winter went on a long time. Snow fell in the mountains
nena. tempo suno pini pi mute lili la kon en sewi li kama seli mute. jan
bulge. Time sun finish of much little (cond) air and above (is) come hot
much.
A few days ago, air and sky became very hot. People
li toki e ni: tempo lete li pini, ni li pona! taso tan ni la ijo ike li (is) talk (obje) this: time cold (is) finish. This(is) good! But source this (cond)thing bad (is)
said that the winter is over, this is good. But because of this a bad thing
kama: tempo li pona li seli la kon telo walo lon ma nena li kama telo li
come: time (is) good (is) hot (cond) air water white present land bulge (is)
happened. When it was good and hot, the snow in the mountains melted and
kama tawa telo linja. tempo li pona ala la telo li kama tan sewi li kama
come water (is) come move water line. Time (is) good not (cond) water (is)
come high (is) come
flowed to the rivers. When it was not good, it rained and water flowed
tawa telo linja. tan ni la telo linja ale li jo e telo mute mue.
time circle finish of number two two (cond) water much (is) present land
Four years ago and nine, there was a lot of water in the Czech Republic.
Seki. tempo sike ni la ijo sama li lon. telo li kama tawa ma tomo lon
Czech. Time circle this (cond) thing same (is) present. Water (is) come move
land building present
This year, the same thing happens. Water will go to cities on
poka linja telo, jan pi ma tomo ni li tawa tan tomo ona, telo li kama
side line water. People of land building this (is) move source building it.
Water (is) come
on the river banks. People in these cities will move from their homes.
Water (is) come
pakala e jo li kama moli e jan. mi pilin e ni: telo mute li kama lon
error (obj) have (is) come moli (obj) people. Me feel (obj) this: water much
(is) come present
will destroy property and kills people. I think there will be a lot of water.
teno mute li ike!
time much (is) bad!
It is a bad era

Tenpo lili pini la, jan pi tomo sona en jan pi tomo sona suli en jan
Time little finish (cond) people of building know and people of building know
big and people
A little while ago, students at schools and colleges and
pali mute li tawa lon nasin suli pi ma tomo Pakisi, li toki wawa
work much (is) move present path big of land Paris. (is) talk power
many workers went into the streets of Paris and protested
tawa Kulupu Lawa pi ma Kanse.
Move Group Head of land France
To the Government of France.
Tan seme? tan li ni : ona li wile ala e lawa sin pi pali tawa jan sin
Source what? source (is) this: it (is) want not (obj) head new of work move
people new
Why? Because they did not want new laws about work for young people
ona li wile ala e pali pi mani lili lili, li wile ala e pali pi
it (is) want not (obj) work of monely little little, (is) want not work of
and they did not want to work for very little money and they did not want

tenpo awen pi sono ala li wile ala e pali pi ken ala.
time remain of know not (is) want not (obj) work of can not.

part-time work for the uneducated and they did not want work for the
disabled.

tan ni la, jan sin mute li pini e pali ona, li kama sono ala, li
source this (cond) people new much (is) finish (obj) work it, (is) come know
not, (is)

Therefore, many young people stopped their work did not learn

pini e lupa pi tomo sono en tomo sono suli.
Finish (obj) hole of building know and bulding know big

And closed the doors of the schools and colleges.

sina ale li pilin e seme tan ni? jan sin ale ni li lon ala lon?
you all (is) feel (obj) what source this. People new all this (is) present.

What do you think about this? Are all these young people right or not?

tenpo ni li suli. jan mute li jo ala e pali e mani.
Time this (is) big. people much (is) have not (obj) work (obj) money.

This is an important time. Many people do not have work or money.

jan mani li wawa li ike tawa jan ante. jan pi kulupu
People money (is) power (is) bad move people other. People of group

Rich people are powerful and bad to other people. The leaders

lawa li pali e wile pi jan mani.
Head (is) work (obj) want of people money.

do the will of the rich.

jan sin en jan pali pi ma Kanse li wan. ona mute li
People new and people work of land France (is) one! It much (is)
The youth and workers of France are united. They

toki e ni tawa jan pi kulupu lawa : o ante e nasin
Talk (obj) this move people of group head: (imp) other (obj) path
say this to the leaders: Change your ways

sina ! o pini pali e ali tawa jan mani !
you! (imp) finish work (obj) all move people money!

Stop working for the rich!

tan ni la jan pi kulupu lawa li ante e nasin sina. Jan
Source this (cond) people of group head (is) other (obj) path you. People

Therefore the leaders change your ways. Leaders

pi kulupu lawa li weka e nasin ma ike.
of group lawa (is) weka (obj) path land bad.
reject the bad national agenda.

kama ni li pona tawa jan pi ma Kanse en tawa jan pali
come this (is) good move people of land France and move people work
This outcome is good for the French people and for working people pi ma ali.

Of land all.
of every land.

tenpo lili kama la jan mute pi ma ali li wile weka e
Time little come (cond) people much of land all (is) want remove (obj)

In a little while, many people from every country will want to reject

nasin mani. tenpo ni la lon pi jan ali li ante. Mi
path money. Time this (cond) present of people all (is) other. Me
the way of money (capitalism?) The the situation of all people will change. I

pilin pona tan ni.
feel good source this.
Like this (feel good because of this).

tenpo pini la, jan Jesu li moli.
Time finish (cond) people Jesus (is) die

Once upon a time, Jesus died.

taso tenpo suno ni la jan Jesu li ali kin.
But time sun this (cond) people Jesus (is) all however
But in this season, Jesus is everything.
ona li moli ala. o pilin pona!
It (is) die not.  (imp) feel good.
He is not dead.  Rejoice!

toki sona pi nasin Kolisu li lon.
Talk know of path Christ (is) present
Here is a saying of Christianity
"jan Kolisu li molli!
people Christ (is) die
Christ has died
jan Kolisu li tawa sewi!
people Christ (is) move above
Christ is risen
jan Kolisu li kama sin!
people Christ (is) come new
Christ will come again

jan pona mi li nasa! ona li wile e ni: ona li tawa lon mun.
person good my (is) crazy. it (is) want (obj) this. It (is) go at moon
My friend is crazy! He wants to walk on the moon (? Go to the moon?).

mama ona li pona tawa ma li toki e ni:
parent it (is) good to land (is) say (oj) this:
His parents are good to the country and say
"sina wile tawa lon mun la, o kute!  tenpo pi nanpa wan la,
"you want go at moon (cond) (imp) hear time of number one (cond)
If you want to walk on the moon, listen.  First,
sina wile tawa ma tomo Olinejan li lukin e jan pona mi.
you want go land building Lovepeople(is) look (obj) person good my.
You need to go to the city Philanthropia and see my friend.
jan pona mi li ken pana e pona tawa sina."
Person good my (is) can give (obj) good go you
My friend can help you.

mama ona li pona tawa ma tomo Olinejan tan ni: tenpo mute pini la,
Parent it (is) good go land building Lovepeople from this: time much end
His parents were good to the city Philanthropia because long ago
akesi suli li lon ma tomo Olinejan li moku e jan pi ma tomo. mama pi
reptile big (is) present land building Lovepeople (is) eat people (of) land
building.  Parent of
a big serpent was at the city Philanthropia and ate the people of the city.
The parents
jan pona mi li utala e akesi suli li moli e ona. jan lawa pi ma tomo
person good my (is) conflict (obj) reptile big (is) die (obj) it.  person head of land
building

of my friend fought the big serpent and killed it.  The mayor of the city
Olinejan li toki e ni tawa mama pi jan pona mi:
love people (is) say (obj) this go parent of person good my
Philanthropia said this to my friend’s parents:
"pona a!  sina moli e akesi suli ike!  pali sina li pona
Good oh! You die (obj) reptile big bad. do you (is) good
Wonderful! You killed the big bad serpent.  Your deed is
mute tawa mi mute.  o kute: mi mute li olin mute
much go me many.  (imp) hear: me many (is ) love much
very good for us.  Listen! We love
tawa sina.  sina wile e ijo la, o kama tawa ma ni.
Go you. You want (obj) thing (cond) (imp) come go land this
you very much.  If you want anything, come to this country.
o toki e wile sina.  mi mute li wile pana e pona
(imp) talk (obj) want you. Me many (is) want give (obj) good
Say what you want. We want to help
tawa sina."
go you
you.
tan ni la, jan pona mi li tawa ma tomo Olinejan.
From this (cond) person good my (is) go land building Lovepeople
Therefore, my friend went to the city Philanthropia.
ona li tawa jan lawa ona li toki e ni:
it (is) go person head it (is) say (obj) this
He went to the mayor and said:
"jan lawa o, mi kama tawa ma tomo sina tan ma ante li jo e wile.
Person head (voc) I come go land building you from land other (is) have (obj)
want
Mayor, I come to your city from a different country and I have a desire.
tempo pini mute la mama mi li moli e akesi suli
Time end much (cond) parent my (is) die (obj) reptile big
Ong ago, my parents killed a big serpent.
li kama pana e pona tawa ma tomo ni! mama mi li pona tawa sina.
(is) come give (obj) good go land building this. Parent my (is) good go you.
and thus gave a benefit to this city. My parents were good for you.
sina ken pali e ale tan ni: sina lawa e ma tomo ni. mi jo e wile wan.
You can do (obj) all from this: you head (obj) land building this. Me have
(obj) desire one.
You can do anything, because you lead this city. I have one desire.
mi wile tawa mun."
Me want go moon.”
I want to go to the moon."
tan toki pi jan pona mi li jan lawa li toki e ni tawa ona:
from talk of person good me (cond) person head (is) talk (obj) this go it
Because of what my friend said, the mayor said this to him:
"mi ken ala pali e ali. taso mi jo e pilin: "ken la, insa pi akesi moli li
Me can not do (obj) all. But me have (obj) feel “can (cond) inside of reptile
die (is)
I cannot do everything. But I have a feeling (thought) that maybe the inside
of the dead serpent,
kepeken. o tawa ma pi moli akesi li lukin e akesi moli.
use. O go country die serpent (is) kook (obj) reptile dead
is useful. Go to where the serpent died and look at the dead serpent.
okama jo e ilo tawa kon ona. o tawa kon kepeken ni.
(imp) come have (obj) tool go air it. (imp) go air use this.
Get its wings. Fly with them.
ken la, sina ken tawa mun kepeken ilo tawa ni."
can (cond) you can go moon use tool go this.
Maybe you can go to the moon using this travel aid.

Nasin tawa li nasin pona ala. Nimi toki li nimi pona ala
"The way that can be travelled is not the true way, the word that can be
uttered is not the true word"
jan sona li toki ala. jan toki li sona ala
"Those who know do not speak, those who speak do not know."

X li tawa Y e Z =
Z is in a situation A
X does something B to Z
Because of this, Z is in a different situation Y
If Z is not mentioned, it is X or a part of X
If B is mentioned, it is the main predicate and the object attaches to it, before tawa
Lojban
xisyctu = xriso (xis, xi’o) “x1 pertains to Christian religion /culture / nationaliy in aspect x2” + -y- [prevents sibilants coming together] + ctuca (ctu) “x1 teaches audience x2 ideas/methods/ lore x3 about subject(s) x4 by methods x5”

(not explained by probably “x1 is taught to Christians x2” (1 = ctuca3, 2 = xrisol = ctuca2))

jdaselsku = lijda (jda) x1 is a religion of believers including x2, sharing common beliefs/practices/tenets including x3” + se (se1) [exchanges order of places 1 and 2 in following predicate] + cusku (cus, sku) “x1 (agent) says/expresses x2 (se du’u/text/lu’e concept) to audience x3 by means of expressible medium x4”

(probably “x1 is a religious saying from religious figure x2 to audience of believers x3” (1 = cusku2 (i.e. secusku 1) = lijdja1, 2 = cusku 1 (secusku2)= ljdja2, 3 = cusku/secusku3 = ljdja2))

jegvon = jegvo (jeg, je’o) “x1 pertains to the common Christian–Jewish–Muslim culture/religion/nationality in aspect x2” + -n to convert it to a name. (presumably “Jahweh”)

cevrirmi = cevni (cev, cei) “x1 is a/the god/deity of people(s)/religion x2 with dominion over (sphere) + rimri (rir) “x1 is a parent of/raises/rears x2”

(“x1 is the divine parent of x2” (1= cevni1 = rimri1, 2 = cevni 2 = rimri2))

cexvda = cevni [above] + zdani (zda) “x1 is the nest/hous/lair/den [home] of x2”

(“x1 is the heaven of deity x2” (1 = zdani 1, 2 = zdani2 = cevni1))

cabdei = cabna (cab) “x1 is current at/in the present of/during/concurrent/simultaneous with x2 in time” + djedi (dje, dei) “x1 is x2 full days in duration by standard x3”

(“x1 is the today of event x2 by standard x3” (1= cabna1 = djedi1, 2 = cabna2, 3= djedi3))

paczy’u = palci (pac) “x1 is evil/depraved/wicked [morally bad] by standard x2” + y [prevents forbidden phonotactics] + zukte (zuk, zu’e) “x1 is a volitional agent employing means/taking action x2 for purpose/goal/to end x3”

(“x1 does act x2 evil by standard x3” (1= zukte1, 2=zukte2=palci1, 3=palci2), “x1 sins/is a sinner”)

pacyxlhu = palci [above] + xlura (xlu) “x1 (agent) influences/lures/tempts x2 into action/state x3 by influence/lure/threat x4”

(“x1 tempts x2 to do evil x3 by temptation x4 the action being evil by standard x5” (1= xlura1, 2= xlura2, 3=xlura3=palci1, 4=xlura4, 5=palci2)

sepir’a = sepli (sep, sei) “x1 is apart/separate from x2, separated by partition/wall/gap/ separating medium x3” + rinka (rik, ri’a) “x1 (event/state) effects/physically causes x2 (event/state) under conditions x3”

(“x1 causes x2 to be separated from x3 by divider x4 under conditions x5” (1=rinka1, 2=sepl1, 3=sepl2. 4=sepl13, 5=rinka3))

Esperanto
sanktigita = sankt “holy” + -ig (deriv) “cause to be” + -ita (conj) [perfect passive participle] “caused to be holy”

plenumoigxu = plen “full” + -um (deriv)[indef related meaning] (here amounts to “fulfill”) + -igx (deriv) “become” + -u (deriv) [imp] “may it become fulfilled”

cxiutagan = cxiu “every” + tag “day” + -an (decl) [adjective, objective case] “daily”

liberigiu = liber “free” + -ig (deriv) “cause to be” + -u (conj) [imp] “cause to be free” “deliver”

malbono = bon “good” + mal- (deriv) “opposite of” + -o [noun] “evil”

sxuldantojn = sxuld “owe” + -ant- (conj) [pres. act. part] + -ojn (decl) [noun pl. obj] “those who owe” “debtors”
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