ABSTRACT

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This study analyzed words in Minangkabaunese that share the same semantic prime: TOUCH using Natural Semantic Metalanguage (NSM). This research was conducted using the descriptive qualitative approach. The data that were found in this research come from the transcriptions of the interviews with 10 informants from Padang city that were recorded. The data were collected using interview guidelines, recording equipment, and writing equipment. An interactive model of data analysis was used to analyze the data. From the data that were collected and analyzed there are 13 allolexies of the semantic prime TOUCH in Minangkabaunese. For the polysemies there are 8 sets of semantic primes that were found. Even though all 13 words share the same semantic prime they can be differentiated by 6 factors. Thus, it can be concluded that even though these words are similar they are not exactly synonymous.

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