

## **A contrastive study of Bemba-French lexical semantics**

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*The study discusses certain issues in lexical semantics based on Bemba-French computerized lexicography. The term Bemba covers Bantu dialects spoken mainly in DR Congo and Zambia classified under M42 by Guthrie (Guthrie 1948). The study identifies challenges faced by interpreters, translators and teachers in dealing with French lexical semantic categories in Africa. The study argues using concrete examples that elementary knowledge of the structure of African languages and cultural values is critical to high performance.*