

# Multi-Word Expressions in Polish

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# MWE – identification problem

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- Identification of MWE connected with theoretical problem: How to define a **unit of language**?
  - In some definitions a concept of non-open (close) class appears.
  - All definitions of MWE emphasize a semantic idiomaticity.

# MWE Classification

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- **degree of connectivity** criteria (idioms, collocations, loose compositional units) or **formal criteria** (expressions, phrases, sentences)
- a proposal of Baldwin and Kim with their **5 levels of idiomaticity** could be useful for Polish MWE – makes it possible to cover a wider range of cases (not only from semantic point of view)