

# The Dirktionary

# To Dirk Geeraerts

Because he continues to have an impact  
on our research, our thoughts and our words

## Dirktionary entry

Textual definition and/or graphical representation of a word that an associate of Dirk Geeraerts links to him.

The prototypical "Dirktionary" entry is handwritten, because of Dirk's appreciation of good penmanship, defines a clear word or expression and is signed by its author.

Just like classically defined categories are difficult to come by in the wild, the entries collected in this book cannot all be described with a set of necessary and sufficient conditions — other than that they are collected in this book.

Some entries may be printed, or don't have a headword. More variation can be found in the languages these words come from, in the handwriting styles and even in the orientation of the text.

Organizing a project in 2020 was not without its challenges, but that didn't stop this book from seeing the light. Dozens of researchers from all over the world sent their words and their thoughts, in an explosion of creativity, fueled by admiration.

Gelukkige verjaardag!

From the Editors-in-Chief Dirk Speelman and Eline Zenner  
and the editors of this issue,

Kaarin Franko

Danying

Huang

Mariana Montes

Chercher du sens dans tous les sens  
C'est comme défier le sens commun.  
Mais emprunter un sens unique  
Seraît aller à contre-sens.

Jacques François

cognitief [kɔg.ni.tif] ~ (slecht) voorteken,  
misschien van kleinzieligheid of vanzigheid.

Geeraerts ontkrachtte Nerbonne's model van  
diffusie als onbeduidend en cognitief.

Etymologie cog- < cog (Engl.) 'hand van  
een tandwiel' ofwel betekenisloos;  
-nit- < nit (Engl.) 'neet, kopluis', dus  
oufris, misselijkmakend; -ief < eve  
(Engl.) 'vooravond, voortekenen'

Leuke actie! — John

