NT2Lex
A CEFR-Graded Lexical Resource for Dutch as a Foreign Language
Linked to Open Dutch WordNet

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CEFR-GRADED LEXICONS

A graded lexicon is a lexical database that includes lexical frequencies observed in texts graded along a difficulty scale.

Foreign language (L2) materials
• textbooks and readers / learner texts
• CEFR scale [A1 > A2 > B1 > B2 > C1 > C2] (Council of Europe, 2001)

CEFRLex
French - FLELex
(François et al., 2014)
Swedish - SVALex
(François et al., 2016)
English - EFLLex
(Dürichen & François, 2018)
Swedish - SweLLex
(Volodina et al., 2016)

ANALYSIS

Psycholinguistics

interplay of psycholinguistic norms (Brysbaert et al., 2014)

Tools

Online tools for lexical complexity analysis
• database search
• CEFR-based complex word identification (Tack et al., 2016)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

NT2Lex
• a new resource for Dutch as a foreign language (NT2)
• 17,745 entries with graded frequency distributions
• measure of receptive word difficulty
• measure of word sense complexity
through linkage to Open Dutch WordNet

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