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## ANALYSIS OF LEXICAL RELATIONS IN A CONSTRUCTED LANGUAGE: THE CASE OF TOKI PONA

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Toki Pona is a constructed language that aims to create simplicity in expression through the use of minimalism in vocabulary and grammar. This research aims to create a translation of an English text into Toki Pona and analyze the lexical differences in both texts. This research was conducted with the use of the research methods of textual analysis and the application of translation strategies. The results of the translation and analysis indicate that extensive change in vocabulary and grammar must be conducted to create a Toki Pona target text. It can be concluded that the use of lexical items in Toki Pona varies greatly from the use of similar lexical items in the English language.

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