**Micro-linguistic Branches**

**II. Semantics:** it is a micro-linguistic branch which deals with ***meaning***. In language, words have relationships with other words. These are known as ***lexical relations***. In what follows, some of these relations are described and exemplified:

* ***Polysemy (polysemous words):*** refers to the property of a word having multiple meanings.

***poly semy***

***many meaning***

***Examples:***

* ***Face:*** 1) - the front of the head

 2) - a surface of a thing

* ***Tail:*** 1) - of a coat

 2) - of an animal

* ***Synonymy*** (synonymous words/synonyms): refers to different words having exactly or nearly the same meanings.

***Examples:***

* Reject/deny
* Big/large
* Mistake/error
* Fortunately/luckily
* ***Antonymy*** (antonymous words/antonyms): refers to words having opposite meanings.

***Examples:***

* Reward/punishment
* Real/artificial
* Increase/decrease
* Bitter/sweet