dsoergel@umd.edu Top level hierarchy of WordNet's main categories

Arranged building on the structure from the WordNet literature. Categories in [] added.

nouns	verbs	adjectives
thing, entity living thing, organism plant, flora animal, fauna person, human being and care non-living thing, object natural object body, corpus artifact substance food [other things or entities] group, collection	verbs of bodily function	
process, action, event] process act, action, activity event, happening natural phenomenon	[process verbs] verbs of change creation verbs motion verbs [social interaction and competition verbs] verbs of social interaction competition verbs consumption verbs weather verbs	
[time and place] time place		
[knowledge, communication, feeling] cognition, knowledge communication feeling, emotion motive	[knowledge, communication, feeling verbs] cognition verbs perception verbs verbs of communication emotion or psych verbs	
[attributes and relations] attribute, property state, condition shape quantity, amount possession relation	[stative and possession verbs] stative verbs verbs of possession	descriptive adjectives color adjectives relational adjectives
		reference-modifying adjectives (e.g., <i>former</i> president)