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*Zmysł i zmysły we współczesnej polszczyźnie*

*Sense and senses in the contemporary Polish*

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### **Summary**

The paper analyzes the words "zmysł" (sense) and "zmysły" (senses) in contemporary Polish. Four lexemes can be distinguished: "zmysł1" 'ability to perceive,' "zmysł2" 'abilities, talent,' zmysły1 'mental health' and zmysły2 'sex drive.' The contribution describes metaphors typically occurring in the corpus material, e.g.; SENSE IS A SWINDLER, SENSE IS A GUIDE, SENSES ARE POINT IN THE SPACE, SENSES ARE A WILD ANIMAL. Furthermore, two idioms are analyzed: the entrenched expression "szósty zmysł" ('sixth sense') and a new one - "siódmy zmysł" ('seventh sense') which has not yet been recorded by the contemporary dictionaries.