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in Lingua 1, 427-500 (1948), esp. 468-472, and 484-487. By "all words" is to be understood also compounds and inflected words, not only the so-called vocabulary as it figures in dictionaries.

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A comprehensive inventory of significants in language seems to be:

1. words;
2. elements of words, which may be called morphemes, e.g. stem, aspect, tense, mood and person, also number of person, in Latin anaviasem;
3. combinations of words, e.g. a black man, or a white crow;
4. sentence intonations: Yes. Yes? Yes!;
5. parts of sentence intonations, e.g. Yes, but will be same? (Statement plus question.).

On the problem of ranks of destructive features of marks, e.g. of phonemes, see my paper Neutralization d'oppositions, in Neophilologus (about 1955). This paper, of course, by now is out-dated in many respects. The problem is discussed also by Y. Michel, La Phonologie.