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that just one element different, e.g. *foo.y* and *girl*. on night and day. It may be complex, e.g. *clock* and *thermometer*. Two meanings may have no common feature, e.g. *Charles* and *between*. The feature! of a meaning always, or often, are more or less central or peripheric in relation to each other. In *girl* the feature of human being is more central than that of young and of female. Analogously the marks of a significant are arranged in a similar hierarchic way. The phonemes of a word, and their order are more central than the number of syllables, which, in its turn, is more central than absence or presence, or the place of word accent, analogously, the distinctive features of a mark of a significant always, or very often, are arranged hierarchically* Evidently the pitch formats of a vowel in Latin are more central than length, features of meanings, of forms of significant, and of marks of significant. In combinations are of different rank. The structure of a system in language is a collection of relations between the members of the system. These relations are not only oppositions, but also a matter of rank. The opposition between the meaning of the words *hoy* and *girl* is the same as that between the word groups *vaung huraafI mala* and *sauna human ferale*. i.e. the identical and the different features are the same. The rank, however, within the same meanings, is different.