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The linguistic expression of spatial relations
General Methodology
Universals and methodology
The data base
The frame of data analysis
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