



## Vocabulary teaching and verbal synonymy: a contrastive study of two pairs of verbs in French

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Abstract: This article is devoted to the study of two pairs of verbs in French: on the one hand *éliminer* (qqch) / *supprimer* (qqch), which are weakly synonymous, and on the other hand *mettre fin à* (qqch) / *mettre un terme à* (qqch), which are strongly synonymous. It shows how to perform (using a corpus) an indirect measurement of the degree of verbal synonymy based on the analysis of the semantic interaction between verb and noun. It then characterizes the contextual functioning of these constructions.

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