

# Re: Esperanto and Interlingua

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Is malgranda = small also 'dangerous, evil'?

If the language has no way of distinguishing between "small" and "not big," then it's a pretty piss-poor language.

Malgranda doesn't mean "not big" but "the contrary of big", i.e. small. Cf. malvarma = cold.

And (in my opinion, but perhaps those who really know Esperanto disagree):

varmega = very hot

malvarmega = very cold

varmeta = rather hot, warmish

malvarmeta = a bit cold, coldish

fimalvarma = unpleasantly cold, f\*\*\*ing cold.

etc.

and arguably perhaps even:

warmacxja, warmetacxja = pleasantly warm, spring-like.

although -cxj is probably meant to reserved for people.

These possibilities are rarely used, because most users employ the language in ways resembling their own language. But the mechanisms exist in Esperanto, which is what makes it unique.

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