

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.

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Esperanto does. "Mal-" is the prefix for polar opposite (good/bad). "Ne-" is the prefix for negation (good/not good).

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