## PARADIGM OF GAIN IN TOURISM COMMUNICATION

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#### Abstract

To decode the message in the field of tourism, it is essential to possess the terminological key, that is to know the terms of that field. The paper focuses on the inventory of specialized terms belonging to the paradigm of gain in tourism communication in Romanian and English, extracted from a self-compiled corpus of tourism texts with different degrees of specialization (education, media, brochures, electronic correspondence, etc.). The examination of various tourism terms is based on the use of analytical techniques that belong to corpus linguistics as it would be impossible to detect them intuitively. The benefits of using corpus linguistics techniques rely on the opportunity to identify new patterns (i.e. collocations) based on electronic data analysis. Thus, the study also describes the language of tourism using the notion of 'collocation' as we believe that we can master a specialized language if we can identify its specific collocations.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

The close connection between language and tourism has been pointed out by several researchers (MacCannell, 1976; Urry, 1990), who claim that the tourism industry, through the language used, can build and determine tourist experience and destination imagery. Dann's book "Tourism Languages" (1996) carries out a comprehensive sociolinguistic analysis of the use of language in tourist texts. The author asserts that tourism has its own language and may be characterized as a "language of social control" (1996: 2). Hence, our focuses on some characteristics communication in the language of tourism as a specialized language, which includes specific terminology and particular meanings attributed to certain terms and collocations as "any analysis of text that is looking at word level needs to be done with an awareness of the complicated relationship that exists between word and meaning, the ways in which this relationship can be used, and the existence of smaller units and larger structures that need to be considered in relation to the word" (Carter, 1998:

The concept of terminology is defined as "specialized language [...] which uses terminology and other linguistic or non-linguistic means to achieve unambiguous specialized communication" (DSL, 2005) or "the totality of the specialized terms used in a discipline or in a branch of activity" (DEX, 2009). Corpus linguistics has demonstrated its potential in the analysis of specialized language terminology (Stubbs, 1996, McEnery & Wilson,

1996) in comparison with the traditional methods for linguistic analysis. We assert that a corpus, defined as a collection of machine-readable authentic texts, can be an important tool in researching the language of tourism. Hence, the paper focuses on the investigation of the paradigm of gain extracted from a self-made corpus which comprises a total of 300 Romanian and English texts, collected from the tourism industry (i.e. mass-media texts, university textbooks, tourism magazines, journals, brochures, etc.). In designing the corpus for this study, we took into account the number, length and kind of texts to include and the selection of these particular texts (Biber, 1993b). The criteria chosen are of a fairly simple kind so that the margin of error is likely to be small. Also, we rejected the criteria that are difficult to establish, complex or overlapping as errors in classification "can invalidate even large research projects and important findings" (Sinclair, 2004).

Furthermore, the paradigmatic perspective used in this research aims at defining and identifying relevant features of specialized meaning at the level of terminographic and lexicographical definitions, which can be accessible to the non-specialist, too. The Oxford English Dictionary defines the meaning of the term 'paradigm' as "a typical example or pattern of something; a pattern or model", so aspects regarding the description of the meaning of a word from the specialized lexicon of tourism will constitute the paradigmatic analysis of this paper.

### II. METHODOLOGY

The study of paradigms is based on their characteristics in texts belonging to the language of tourism in Romanian and English. To get an overall

view of the terminology of this specialized language, we decided to analyze a series of paradigms, formed both on the basis of common semantemes 1, which ensure grouping in a certain paradigmatic class, as well as of variable semantemes, that express essential differences in meaning. Thus, a relational and differential approach to the meaning of tourism terms brings the interpretation of the paradigms closer to the lexico-semantic fields and a more rigorous differentiation of their meaning makes definitions more efficient, with positive effects on identifying specialized meaning. In delimiting the paradigms, we followed the principles of semantic analysis (Bidu-Vrănceanu 2007, 2010), namely: in a paradigm, the first common semanteme will be represented by the part of speech (the term will belong to a single part of speech); we will include only one meaning of the term in each paradigm (if the term is polysemantic); we will identify both the common semantemes (CS) and the differentiating semantemes (DS) of the terms. Consequently, we consider that the analysis of paradigms facilitates a rigorous interpretation of the specialized meaning in the language of tourism in Romanian and English. Therefore, this paper identifies several lexicosemantic paradigms and highlights their specialized meanings making use of lexicographic and terminographic definitions.

# III. PARADIGM OF GAIN

Terms that designate *a sum of money*, with the distinction of *what is to be offered or given*, can be grouped into several classes of paradigms, or subparadigms, depending on the elements of the classification made in lexicographical and terminographic definitions:

- 1). the subparadigm of general terms:
- bani cash lichiditate -numerar sumă;
- money -amount sum liquidity cash;
- 2). the subparadigm that refers to the material situation in general, with the archilexeme 'bani primiti' (engl. 'money received'):
- > câştig beneficiu comision dividend dobândă profit rentă venit;
- ➤ gain(s) commission dividend interest profit income earnings revenue.
- 3). the subparadigm that refers to the common semes 'bani obținuți' (engl. 'money got') and 'de către o persoană fizică' (engl. 'by an individual'):
- ➤ salariu leafă bonus bonificație alocație compensație primă redevență retribuție remunerație venit(uri);
- > salary bonus allowance compensation -

- benefis/welfare income pay remuneration royalty wages.
- 4). the subparadigm that refers to the material situation 'sumă de bani datorată' (engl. 'amount of money owed'), with the hypernym 'datorie' (engl. 'debt'):
- creanță credit datorie împrumut obligațiune
  chirie anuitate;
- $\triangleright$  debt credit loan borrowing(s) bond rent annuity.
- 5). the subparadigm that refers to determined forms of debt, with the archilexeme (hypernym) 'plată' (engl. 'payment'):
- ➤ impozit taxă suprataxă acciză amendă comision contribuție plată poprire;
- ➤ tax surcharge excise (duty) commission contribution(s) fine payment toll fee penalty admission charge.
- 6). the subparadigm that refer to money as evaluation of various products:
  - $\rightarrow$  pret cost tarif avans taxă;
- $\triangleright$  price rate tariff cost fee fare.
- 7). the subparadigm that refer to 'instrumente financiare' (engl. 'financial instruments'):
- ➤ titlu bond acţiune obligaţie obligaţiune dividend cupon;
- > security debentures bonds equities shares stock title (deed).

Next, we will analyze the paradigm of gain, in which the terms denote the material situation in general, with the archilexem (hypernym) CÂŞTIG (engl. 'gain'), that has the common semantemes of the whole paradigm 'amount of money obtained', + 'other material goods', and + 'through labor, speculations, exploitation'. To provide a better understanding, we have ordered the lexicographical and terminographic definitions in table 1 (see annex A) as the definitions provided in dictionaries are, in most cases, incomplete. We have also specified both the common semantemes (CS) and the differentiating semantemes (DS) for all the terms of the paradigm.

Furthermore, the paper illustrates the way in which some of the terms belonging to the paradigm of gain can be encountered in Romanian texts of tourism and travel, with some observations at the contextual level. Thus, we found that general uses of these terms are common in relation to their definitions: "Pentru această activitate, agențiile de turism percep un comision ce reprezintă baza existenței lor și, în același timp, o sursă de profit."; "Ce se va întâmpla când agențiile vor pierde comisionul de 7% pe care îl primesc de la companiile aeriene?";"Profitul agențiilor de turism este infim.[...] Într-un calcul general al prețului final către client,[...] rata de profitabilitate și rentabilitate a agențiilor de turism este infimă."; "[...] în ceea ce privește bugetul de vacanță pe 2009, el s-a bazat pe veniturile din 2008."; "Alături de reducerea și în final eliminarea comisioanelor pentru vânzarea biletelor de avion, factorii amintiți au dus la închiderea a peste

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Semanteme = a minimal distinctive unit of meaning.

10.000 de agenții de turism americane[...]."; "Happy Tour Group, liderul pieței de turism din România, a înregistrat la finalul anului trecut o cifră de afaceri de 60 milioane de euro **venituri** realizate exclusiv din turism.".

In many contexts, the terms of the gain paradigm are used in collocations and/or with other terms of the same paradigm for a clear specification of the specialized meaning: "[...] se bazează pe profitul impozabil realizat în decursul anului. Profitul impozabil diferă față de profitul raportat în declarația de venit generală din cauza elementelor de venit sau cheltuieli [...]"; "impozitul gradual pe venit îl are asupra întreprinderilor cu unic proprietar și a societăților în nume colectiv, în ceea ce privește profitul reinvestit". In other contexts, the terms of the gain paradigm are used in a relationship of synonymy: "Prestige Tour a raportat un câștig de 19 mil. lei în primele nouă luni.[...] Touroperatorul, ce face parte din grupul Happy Tour, a înregistrat un profit net de 4,5 mil. Eur [...]"; "Pană atunci, cele aproape 180 de agenții acreditate IATA care se bat pentru venituri de 7% din volumul de 200 de milioane de euro, [...] adică pentru un profit total de circa 14 milioane de euro.". Sometimes the term is defined in the text: "Adunarea Generală a Acționarilor din 25 aprilie 2013 a hotărât repartizarea profitului (rezultatului net al exercițiului), respectiv a sumei de 15.068.186 lei".

In English, the hypernym for the paradigm is **GAIN(S)**, term which has the *semantemes* of the whole paradigm 'money earned'. Table 2 (see annex B) summarizes the lexicographical and terminographic definitions, specifying the *common semantemes* and *differentiating semantemes* for each term of the paradigm.

We noticed that all the terms of the gain paradigm that belong to the language of tourism in English texts are quite frequently used in their general meaning as they are defined in specialized dictionaries. In some contexts, the terms of the gain paradigm are used in a relationship of synonymy, i.e. "[...] the Group reached an operative profit of an estimated 860 million Euros in the timeframe from January until September 2013."; "The company's [n.a. Tripadvisor] financial results for last year revealed a jump of 20% in earnings [...] Profits rose to \$33.6 million in the fourth quarter and for the total year profits increased to \$194.1 million"; "Although the Tunisian tourism recovery that started at the beginning of 2017 is real, the sector's foreign currency earnings remain low to insignificant.[...] Their growing middle class, raise in job creation, increasing incomes and the consumer confidence boost after an election [...]". Besides, they often appear in a relation of equivalence with other terms of the same paradigm, as exemplified below:

- ▶ Gain: "These are also the areas having the hardest time competing with Asian tourism gains. [...] This is going to be the case despite slight gains in some areas [...]"; "While it is easy to attribute any high gains for April to the late timing of school holidays, the overall growth in a number of key western markets cannot be ignored."; "Hotels are experiencing better occupancy rates and RevPAR, with business tourism showing impressive gains."; "[...] which marks the first year that India will sustain double-digit gains in spending in several years —with the last being 2011."; "The gains in demand have been mostly attributed to leisure and business transient segments [...].".
- ▶ Commission: "The airline agreed to pay travel agents a 3% commission."; "His monthly salary, which is based on commission, has dropped from about \$7,000 to \$1,000."; "The National Chamber of Tourism of Peru announced that the digital travel platform Booking.com considers introducing a commission on tips received by the hotel staff."; "With these integrations, monitoring reservations that come from direct channels is even easier, and [...] this represents savings on commissions."
- ▶ Dividend(s): "One of the reactions occurs against tourism that does not produce dividends for cities."; "India is likely to become world leader in business travel. [...] Their growing middle class, raise in job creation, increasing incomes and the consumer confidence boost after an election, which World Bank has been calling the "Modi dividend," have all aided in the advancement of spending."; "The medical industry could be a good business to invest to. For instance, the Thai hospital Bumrungrad, [...] paid an impressive dividend to its shareholders."; "Sri Lanka continues to build on the confidence and stability brought on by their peace dividend, making it the top mover in the tourism criterion [...]".
- ► Earnings: "TripAdvisor is delighting in their 20% increase in earnings for its 2012 fiscal year when compared to 2011 benefiting from their partnership with Facebook."; "The Lufthansa Group has increased 47 percent of its adjusted earnings in the first nine months of 2013. [...] In addition to the impact earnings from project and restructuring expenses, the operative profit in the first nine months amount to an estimated 660 million Euros."; "Mexico already recorded, in 2013, record statistics in foreign currency earnings and reached 13.8 billion dollars (10.1 billion euros) which was considered the best year in its tourism history."; "According to the first estimates of the Federal Statistical Office [...], around two thirds of the earnings come from the tourism with hotel overnight stays.[...] The prices became a bit more attractive for the persons not living in Switzerland which lead to an increase of the earnings in 2013 from the day and transit traffic.".
- ► Income: "The officials want to expand the country's medical tourism [...] An investor may be granted four

years of income tax holiday on income solely derived from servicing foreign patients or they pay only 5 % tax on gross income."; "One advantage of tourism is that it can provide a big portion of the income that most of the local communities receive."; "According to him (Vice-President of FTH), Tunisian tourism income has increased by 40% since the beginning of the year [...]"; "According to preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, the income from hotel occupancy increased 18.3% when compared to the performance of 2016 [...]"; "[...] the UEFA Champions League has created a mind-blowing €237 million in travel income, and the possible income for a host city [...] is just short of €6 million."; "Turkey's income from tourism was at \$4.9 billion. Thus, the income has almost doubled in the second quarter."; "The airline helped to make tourism in Iceland the largest source of income for this small country, [...]".

- ▶ Interest: "One third of Irish hotels are struggling to repay the interest on bank loans as a result of their financial woes."; "Swiss Hotel Credit Society was set up in 2003 to rejuvenate the small and medium hotels. The funding in the form of loan with low interest is given to the businesses."; "[...] however, this short-term surge in interest could shape tourism for Turkey and Russian tourists for the entire year."; "The recent bankruptcy of the Icelandic low-cost airline Wow Air has been such a strong blow to tourism in Iceland that the central bank has reduced its main interest rate by half a point, up to 4%.".
- ▶ Profit: "It is not that the investment in the hotel sector is low but the investors are interested in the large chain hotels with good profit rather than private hotels that are small and less profitable. [...] Though medium size hotels try and invest their profit in renovation, the lack of profit in recent years has slowed down the process."; "It has been estimated that some luxury hotels have as little as 3 euros profit on a room once expenses for spas and golf courses are taken into account."; "Profits from international visitors in Mexico reached 4.4 billion dollars (3.2 billion euros) in the first trimester of the year, [...] Profits from air tourism had the largest growth."
- ▶ Revenue: "In areas where tourism is a major source of revenue these problems are especially worrisome. These are also the areas having the hardest time competing with Asian tourism gains."; "Last year, 81.8% of tourism revenues were brought by foreign tourists."; "According to Global Blue, tax-free revenue is expected to decline by around 4% in the first quarter of 2019."; "A record figure for Martinican tourism that brought in €424 million in revenue (+28.9%)."; "We are speaking about a recovery in tourism without seeing a similar increase in revenues."; "[...] he denounced

"mismanagement and corruption in the Tunisian tourism sector", claiming "the existence of fraud regarding the country's foreign currency tourism revenue."; "Europe remains the world's largest market of SPA services due to its quite a high average revenues per spa.[...] These specialized facilities had revenue over \$50 billion in 2013."; "While the hoteliers of Athens and some of Greece's top resorts celebrate this general rise in visitors and revenue, it is important to look at some of the more specific implications, such as the growth of business tourism.[...] When all these factors combine, the prospects for Greek tourism revenue for 2014 becomes a lot more promising."; "Chinese tourists can now spend longer in New Zealand, take advantage of packages at the higher end of the scale and spend more money - all of which is promising for New Zealand's tourism revenue.".

## IV. FINDINGS

The analysis of the gain paradigm in demonstrates a terminological consistency of the hypernym 'money' in the definitions found in general dictionaries as well as a very frequent use of synonyms periphrastic equivalents, especially at the classification level. Thus, the comparison of the terms that belong to the paradigm of gain in Romanian allows the following observations: the common semantemes clearly result from the definitions of all the terms; specialized dictionaries provide some important clarifications, especially regarding the specific differences resulting from the types of CÂSTIG (engl. 'gains'), differences that entail distinct characteristics: 'sumă de bani obținută' [+ 'din veniturile încasate și cheltuielile efectuate']; [+ 'pentru intermedierea unor activități comerciale, bancare, bursiere, etc.']; [+ 'sub formă de salariu, profit, dobândă și rentă']; [+ 'de posesorul unui bun imobiliar sau mobiliar']; [+ 'emisă de o societate de capitaluri']. Additionally, the classification using general elements is specified by references to other specialized terms, for example 'VENIT' (engl. 'income'): 'recompensă primită de' [+ 'posesorii factorilor de producție']; [+ 'sub formă de salariu, profit, dobândă și rentă']. For some hyponymic collocations, the classification as 'profit' may lead to the interpretation of terms as equivalents (i.e. 'beneficiu', 'rentă'), which is confusing in relation to their terminographic definition, that indicates the specific difference 'rezultat\_financiar pozitiv' (engl. 'positive financial result'), and 'venit relativ stabil' (engl. 'relatively stable income') for these terms. In addition, the terms 'BENEFICIU' and 'BENEFIT(S)' are defined differently in the two languages. Thus, 'BENEFICU' has the common semantemes of 'câștig', 'profit' or 'folos' or 'rezultat financiar pozitiv' (engl. 'positive financial result') and the differentiating semantemes of [+ 'cineva din ceva'], [+ 'diferența

dintre veniturile încasate și cheltuielile efectuate'], [+ 'de firmă']. On the other hand, 'BENEFIT(S)' has the *common semanteme* of 'advantages received in addition to money' and the variable semes of [+ 'by employees'], [+ 'from their employer'], [+ 'such as medical insurance, life insurance, and sick pay'], or [+ 'by people who are sick, unemployed, or have little money'], [+ 'from the government']. Consequently, these terms appear in different subparadigms in the two languages, so we included 'BENEFICIU' in the 'money to get' subparadigm and 'BENEFIT(S)' in the subparadigm with the common semes 'money to get' and '[+by an individual]'.

Moreover, the terms of the gain paradigm appear in numerous collocations în both languages, Romanian and English, that clearly specify their meanings in the term definition, as shown in tables no. 3 and 4. Since in natural language words are not combined randomly into phrases and sentences, constrained only by the rules of syntax, we can claim that the ways in which they go together may be a significant source of information for the study of tourism communication. Collocations may be defined as frequently recurrent combinations of commonly two linguistic elements which have a direct syntactic relationship, but whose cooccurrence in texts cannot be explained only by grammatical rules. The Oxford Dictionary describes collocations as "the habitual juxtaposition of a particular word with another word or words with a frequency greater than chance".

Table 3. Collocations for gain paradigm in Romanian

| Term                         | Collocations   |
|------------------------------|--|
| Venit<br>(engl. income)      | venit net, venit brut, venit suplimentar,<br>venit impozabil, venit fix, venit mediu,<br>venit general, venit estimat;   |
| Profit (engl. profit)        | profit financiar, profit net, profit brut,<br>profit curent, profit amânat, profit plătit,<br>profit (ne)distribuit, profit anormal,<br>profit pur, profit discreționar; |
| Beneficiu<br>(engl. benefit) | beneficiu fiscal, beneficiu (ne)distribuit;  |
| Rentă<br>(engl. annuity)     | rentă financiară, rentă imputată, rentă economică.   |

Table 4. Collocations for gain paradigm in English

| Term     | Collocations   |  |
|----------|--|--|
| Dividend | accumulated dividend, bonus dividend, cash<br>dividend, cumulative dividend, final dividend,<br>ordinary dividend, preference dividend, unpaid<br>dividend;  |  |
| Income   | average income, deferred income, discretionary income, disposable income, dividend income, (un)earned income, expendable income, fixed-income, gross income, high-income, investment income, low-income, money income, national income, net income, operating income, personal income, private income, real income, residual income, sales income, taxable income, tax-exempt income, unreported income; |  |
| Profit   | accumulated profit, attributable profit, book profit, consolidated profit, distributable profit, gross profit, net profit, operating profit, paper profit, retained profit, taxable profit;  |  |
| Revenue  | average revenue, internal revenue, marginal revenue, sales revenue.  |  |

In short, we consider that the analyzed terms, both in Romanian and in English, meet the condition of lexico-semantic paradigms as they are clearly organized by *common semantemes* and *variable semantemes*.

#### V. CONCLUSION

Overall, we assert the research carried out on tourism language, based on corpus analysis, may result in a better quality of resources and tools to describe this specialized language. As such, this paper focused on the inventory of some terms extracted from the selfcompiled corpus and identified structures that encode textual specialized meanings. Consequently, the benefits of using analytical techniques belonging to corpus linguistics in the study of specialized texts, compared to traditional approaches (which do not use computer programs for linguistic analysis) reside in the possibility to detect new word senses in the specialized lexicon of tourism and in the opportunity to perform an in-depth interpretation of their features. All in all, we state that the existence of electronic tools for exploring a corpus of texts dedicated to the language of tourism may facilitate the translation from English into Romanian of specialized terms with multiple meanings, which would lead to a larger number of linguistic sources in the Romanian landscape such as specialized dictionaries for the language of tourism, glossaries of tourism terms, automatic proofreaders, etc.

Annex A - Table 1. Paradigm of gain in Romanian

| Term               | Definition of terms in general dictionaries <sup>2</sup>                           | Definition of terms in scientific dictionaries <sup>3</sup>               |
|--------------------|--|---|
| BENEFICIU          | CS: câștig, profit sau folos pe care-l <u>are;</u>                                 | CS: rezultat financiar pozitiv al unei activități lucrative, a            |
| (engl. 'benefit')  | SD: + cineva din ceva;   | cărui mărime o reprezintă diferența;                                      |
|                    |  | DS: + dintre <u>veniturile</u> încasate și <u>cheltuielile</u> efectuate; |
|                    |  | + de firmă;   |
| COMISION           | CS: remunerație (procentuală) <i>primită</i> SD: + de o persoană, de               | CS: sumă <i>plătită</i>   |
| (engl.             | o bancă, etc.;   | DS: + unei persoane fizice sau juridice;                                  |
| 'commission')      | + care a mijlocit o afacere comercială sau care a efectuat un                      | + pentru intermedierea unor activități comerciale, bancare,               |
|                    | serviciu;  | bursiere, etc.;   |
| DIVIDEND           | SC: profitul care <u>revine:</u>   | SC: profit (beneficiu) net ce <i>revine</i> :                             |
| (engl. 'dividend') | SD: + <i>parte din</i> [profitul];   | SD: + pentru o acțiune;   |
|                    | + [profitul] unei societăți pe acțiuni;  | + emisă de o societate de capitaluri;                                     |
|                    | + fiecărui acționar în raport cu acțiunile pe care le posedă;                      |   |
| DOBÂNDĂ            | SC: sumă de bani <i>oferită:</i>   | SC: venitul <u>însușit</u> sub formă de excedent:                         |
| (engl. 'interest') | SD: + cantitate dintr-un produs [ bancar];   | SD: + de proprietarul oricărui capital antrenat într-o                    |
|                    |  | activitate economică;   |
|                    |  | + în raport cu capitalul respectiv avansat;                               |
| PROFIT             | SC: venitul <u>adus</u> de; beneficiu <u>obținut:</u>                              | SC: diferența pozitivă dintre venitul obținut:                            |
| (engl. 'profit')   | SD: + într-o <i>întreprindere</i> ;  | SD: + prin vânzarea bunurilor realizate și costul lor;                    |
|                    | + <u>capitalul</u> utilizat reprezentând <u>diferența</u> dintre <u>încasările</u> | + de <u>un agent economic;</u>  |
|                    | efective și totalul <u>cheltuielilor</u> aferente;                                 |   |
| RENTĂ              | SC: venit, profit pe care îl poate <i>obține:</i>                                  | SC: venit relativ stabil <i>realizat de</i> :                             |
| (engl. 'annuity')  | SD: + regulat;   | SD: + posesorul;  |
|                    | + un proprietar;   | + unui bun imobiliar sau mobiliar;  |
|                    | + asupra unui teren, capital, etc.;  |   |
| VENIT              | SC: ceea ce se obține din:   | SC: recompensă <i>primită</i> de:   |
| (engl. 'revenue')  | SD: desfășurarea unei activități,  | SD: + posesorii factorilor de producție;                                  |
|                    | - din plasarea unei <u>sume de bani</u> etc.; câștig, beneficiu.                   | + sub formă de salariu, profit, dobândă și rentă.                         |

# ANNEX B - TABLE 2. Paradigm of gain in English

| Term       | Definition from general dictionaries 4                      | Definition from specialized dictionaries 5                 |
|------------|---|--|
| COMMISSION | CS: an amount of money that is <i>paid</i> :                | CS: the practice of <u>receiving</u> payments:             |
|            | DS: + an extra [amount];                                    | DS: + by someone;  |
|            | + to a person;  | + for selling homes, products, investments;                |
|            | + or organization;  | + which is directly related to the amount they sell;       |
|            | + according to the value of the goods they have sold or the |  |
|            | services they have provided;                                |  |
| DIVIDEND   | CS: <b>profit</b> that is <u>divided</u> :                  | CS: <b>profit</b> that is <i>paid</i> :                    |
|            | DS: + a part [of the company's profit];                     | DS: + part [of the profit];                                |
|            | + among the people with shares in the company;              | + of a company;  |
|            |   | + to shareholders;   |
| EARNINGS   | CS: the profit made by:                                     | CS: profits made:  |
|            | DS: + a company;  | DS: + in a particular period;                              |
|            | + or country;   | + by a company;  |
|            |   | + or industry;   |
| INCOME     | CS: the money <u>earned</u> or <u>received</u>              | CS: money <u>earned</u>                                    |
|            | DS: + by a person;  | DS: + by a person;   |
|            | + from your work;   | + company;   |
|            | + from investments;   | +government, etc.;   |
|            |   | + over particular period of time;                          |
| INTEREST   | CS: money paid:   | CS: money <u>earned:</u>                                   |
|            | DS: + to a person or company;                               | DS: + by a person or organization;                         |
|            | + by a bank or financial institution;                       | + from keeping your money in an account in a bank or other |
|            | + when you keep money in an account;                        | financial organization;                                    |
| PROFIT     | SC: money gained:   | SC: money that is <u>earned:</u>                           |
|            | SD: + by a person or company;                               | SD: + in trade or business;                                |
|            | + by selling things or doing business;                      | +after paying the costs of producing and selling goods and |
|            | + after costs have been paid;                               | services;  |
| REVENUE    | SC: money <u>received:</u>                                  | SC: money <u>received:</u>                                 |
|            | SD: + by a business or organization;                        | SD: + by a company;  |
|            | + over a period of time;                                    | + from selling goods or services.                          |
|            | +from selling goods or services.                            |  |

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> DEX, DEXI, DOOM.
 <sup>3</sup> Dicţionar de business, Dicţionar de Economie, Dicţionar de Economie Modernă.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English. <sup>5</sup>Cambridge Business Dictionary, Oxford Business Dictionary.

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