

## **Rapid Word Collection**

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One of the fundamental tasks for a lexicographer is gathering the data. Historically, this has often been done via a word list or text collection. Rapid Word Collection (RWC), the subject of this talk, is an alternative strategy that has been developed more recently.

RWC has two advantages over the traditional methods for word collection:

- It uses semantic domains as springboards for data elicitation.
- It is a participatory method, meaning that the language community is heavily involved, from start to finish.

Because of these two factors, RWC has proven to be very effective at gathering a large amount of data in a short period of time (typically 12,000-15,000 pieces of data in two weeks) and a lot of positive "buzz" is generated in the community while that happens.

The first part of this talk presents the methodology of Rapid Word Collection, and the second part provides details from a RWC workshop that was conducted for the Shilluk language community in South Sudan in October 2015.