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ABSTRACT

This study presents a semantic analysis of Forex terminologies used by online traders in Nigeria, employing J. R. Firth's Contextual Theory of Meaning to explore how meaning is shaped by use within specific communicative contexts. The research investigates how Nigerian Forex traders interpret, adapt, and apply trading terms across digital platforms such as social media, online forums, and trading communities. By moving beyond static dictionary definitions, the study focuses on the contextual, cultural, and interactive processes through which meaning is created, modified, and understood in local usage.

Data were drawn from various online trading discussions involving Nigerian traders, and key terminologies were analyzed according to their literal meaning, contextual meaning, and usage within discourse. The findings reveal that the meaning of Forex terms is not fixed or universally inherited from global standards, but rather constructed dynamically within the Nigerian trading community. Nigerian traders frequently localize and shorten international terms, often blending English, Nigerian Pidgin, and indigenous expressions to create a unique, functional dialect of Forex communication.

The study concludes that this specialized vocabulary serves as a community-validated linguistic system, enabling clear and effective communication within Nigeria's trading environment while reflecting broader cultural and social influences. It is recommended that financial institutions, educators, and linguists further study and document the evolving Forex lexicon and integrate localized terms into training programs and financial literacy materials to improve understanding, inclusion, and communication among Nigerian traders.

CHAPTER ONE

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

1.0 Introduction

This study examines how key Forex terminologies are used in online trading discourse, focusing on their actual meanings, multiple sense relations, and the role of context in shaping interpretation. Online Foreign Exchange (Forex) trading employs a specialized set of terms and expressions that help traders discuss market events, plan trades, and predict price movements. These terms are frequently encountered in online platforms such as forums, social media discussions, broker websites, webinars, and live trading sessions.

However, the meanings of many of these terms often vary depending on who uses them, the platform on which they are used, and the context of communication. For instance, words like leverage, spread, bullish, and liquidity can take on different interpretations based on the trader's experience, background, or linguistic environment. This variation becomes even more pronounced among Nigerian Forex traders, who often blend English, Nigerian Pidgin, and localized slang to communicate effectively within their trading communities. The rise of digital communication has made Forex trading not only a financial activity but also a linguistic and cultural one. Traders form online communities where ideas, strategies, and experiences are exchanged, leading to the development of a shared vocabulary that reflects both global financial practices and local linguistic creativity. This interaction has produced a unique hybrid discourse that is rich in meaning, adaptable, and context-dependent.

Therefore, this research seeks to analyze the semantics of Forex terminologies used by Nigerian online traders, exploring how meaning is created, modified, and understood within this dynamic digital space. By doing so, the study contributes to the broader understanding of how

language functions within specialized online communities, especially in the context of economic and social globalization.

1.1 Statement of the Problem

The research addresses many forex technical terminological issues. E.g. liquidity, leverage, spread, stop loss, leverage are used with different meanings in different platforms. New Nigerian traders experience difficulties associating with other forex experts online. The central issue this study addresses is the linguistic and semantic complexity of the terminologies used by Nigerian forex traders. While the global forex market has a standardized set of terms, Nigerian traders often adapt, shorten, and invent new words to suit their local context and digital communication styles. This creates a unique sociolect that is often difficult for outsiders to understand.

This linguistic phenomenon presents a problem for both novice traders and linguists. For new participants, the specialized jargon can be a significant barrier to entry, hindering their ability to learn and participate effectively. For linguists, the lack of documented analysis of this discourse means a key aspect of online communication and Financial Literacy in Nigeria is not fully understood. This study aims to shed light on how these traders use language to create a sense of community, express complex financial concepts, and navigate the high-stakes environment of currency trading.

1.2 The Language and its People

This study focuses on the specialized language used in online forex-trading discourse among Nigerian traders. The language isn't a traditional dialect but a sociolect spoken by a group of Nigerian individuals who trade forex online. This community is defined by its shared interest rather than a shared physical location.

The language used by these traders is a dynamic blend of Standard English, Nigerian Pidgin and unique jargon. This lexicon serves to facilitate fast, unique, seamless communication. The terminology often adapts Standard English forex terms, modifying them to fit the local context. For instance, some call a pip (a Standard Financial Unit) a "trader profit pip" or "I chop 50 pips" using Pidgin to express the term "I hit 50 pips".

The speakers of this sociolect are a diverse group of Nigerian forex traders. They aren't confined to a single social class, age group, or location within Nigeria. They connect through online platforms like Telegram, WhatsApp, Discord, and various trading forums, where this language is spoken, evolved, and maintained. Their shared language acts as a marker of identity and a tool for building trust and a sense of belonging.

1.3 Research Questions

This study is guided by the following key research questions:

1. What are the most frequently used Forex terminologies in online trading discourse among Nigerian traders?
2. What are the primary semantic meanings and communicative functions of these terminologies within their specific contexts of use?
3. How do Nigerian traders employ these terms to express market sentiment, discuss commissions, outline strategies, and manage trading risks?
4. To what extent do these Forex terminologies reflect linguistic influences from English, Nigerian Pidgin, or other local languages?
5. How does the use of this specialized vocabulary contribute to a sense of identity, belonging, and community among Nigerian Forex traders?

1.4 Aim and Objectives

The goal of this project is to understand what Nigerian forex traders mean when they use their unique language online. We want to understand not just the words themselves, but how they use them to talk about their trading.

The Study has the following objectives:

1. To identify and collect a corpus of forex-specific terminologies from online platforms frequented by Nigerian traders.
2. To conduct a comprehensive semantic analysis of these terms, investigating their literal and Contextual meanings within different situational context.
3. To analyze the contextual functions of the terminologies, exploring how it is used to express market sentiment, share trading strategies and manage risk
4. Explaining how these special languages helps them form a community and communicate in a way that outsiders might not understand

1.5 Purpose of the Study

This study examines how Forex terminologies are used and understood in online trading discourse among Nigerian traders. It provides a comprehensive semantic analysis of specialized terminologies used in Forex. While the global Forex market is widely studied, this study deals with the specific ways in which certain Nigerian contexts shape these terminologies.

It focuses on common terms used in local contexts and meanings — the way meanings shift across platforms and in dynamic ways, how words are used in their short forms, abbreviations, and the local usage which influences various interpretations.

The purpose is to provide a clear understanding and a proper account of the language Nigerian traders use every day to communicate, educate, and teach, so that learners can communicate

more accurately and avoid misunderstandings through specified and specialized lexicon. It aims to provide an interpretation of the understanding of linguistic Forex lexicon and ways of communication in the Nigerian context.

1.6 Significance of the Study

This study is important and timely because clear communication in online Forex space affects how traders learn, take decisions by explaining how key terms are use in Nigerian online spaces. The research reduces confusion caused by exuberantly usage of forex terms, and supports better understanding across platforms.

From a Practical Standpoint, the study is beneficial to aspiring newbie participants by providing a blueprint for Nigerian forex traders. This serves as a valuable resource, helping them navigate and understand the specialized language of online trading discourse. By breaking down the terminology, it can lower the barrier to understand and reduce the likelihood of misunderstanding crucial market information.

The research contributes to applied semantics and discourse analysis by documenting real-life usage patterns of specialized forex terminologies. It shares evidence on how meaning is shaped by social media, community norms, and local expressions including Nigerian English and pidgin influences. The Study benefits new traders who are in this forum by providing clear, well-defined contextual explanations of common terms, help interpret price charts, trade calls, signals and educational content. It assists traders by explaining ambiguous terms that often lead to misinterpretation during fast market discussions, which can improve decision making in groups of signal services.

For Nigeria as a country, clearer financial communication can support financial literacy initiatives and responsive participation in online market. The study also highlights the communicative strengths and needs of Nigerian trader communities for training and outreach.

For the language itself, the study deepens Knowledge of Nigerian Specialized English in the Nigerian Setting. This helps standardize understanding without losing local identity/making discourse more transparent while respecting community practices. In short, the study is beneficial because it improves practical communication for users, and supports broader educational and policy goals related to Nigerian foreign exchange.

1.7 Methodology

The methodology for this study is designed to provide a systematic and transparent approach to the semantic analysis of Forex terminologies used by Nigerian traders.

The first phase is data collection. This involves a non-intrusive process of gathering linguistic data from various online platforms where Nigerian traders actively communicate. The primary sources would include public Telegram and WhatsApp groups, Facebook forums, and dedicated Nigerian Forex trading websites.

The data collection is achieved by observing ongoing sessions, saving chat histories, and extracting relevant posts over a specified period. The focus will be on obtaining a natural sample of language as it is used in Nigeria trading discussions.

Following data collection, we take the data collected and transcribe the data into a uniform text format, removing irrelevant content like emojis and images. This step is crucial for preparing the data for subsequent analysis.

Second, a qualitative semantic analysis will be performed on the identified terms. This involves a close reading of the contexts in which each term appears. We will examine the

surrounding sentences, the speaker's intent, and the reactions of other participants to deduce the term's meaning. For example, we will differentiate between denotative (literal) and connotative (Contextual) meanings of the terms.

The final step is the interpretation and discussion of findings. We will combine the results of our semantic analyses to provide an interpretive framework for understanding the linguistic and cultural nuances of the Forex trading community in Nigeria.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0 Introduction

The chapter reviews research and ideas that provide a foundation for analyzing forex terminologies and their uses in online trading discourse among Nigerian traders. It explains key concepts that guide the study. Summarizes previous studies that are directly or indirectly related and identifies both the present study addresses identified gaps. The goal is to show what is already known, how it was investigated, and how the current research fits into and extends that knowledge.

2.1 Conceptual Review of Literature

The study focuses on four main conceptual areas: Semantics of foreign specialize terminology, Discourse in Online trading Communities, Forex Trading and the Influence of Local Language Practices on forex trading.

2.1.1 Semantics

Semantics of Foreign Specialized terminology focuses on how words in a technical field develop stable core meanings as well as flexible, context-dependent senses. In financial communication terms often carry polysemy, meaning a single term may have multiple related senses. For example, "liquidity" can refer to market depth in a general finance sense. But in trader discourse, it can also point to areas in a chart where "stop orders are placed by traders." Concepts such as literal, contextual, and collocations all help organize this analysis. The core sense is the basic meaning recognized across many users. Extended senses are meanings that emerge in practice due to common scenarios or strategies which is the contextual meaning. Collocations are words that tend to appear together, and whose meaning is shaped by usage

patterns. Another important idea is contextual used based Semantics, which prioritizes how people actually use terms in real-time communication rather than relying on Dictionary definitions.

2.1.2 Online Discourse

Online discourse in trading communities refers to the way traders communicate and interact on digital platforms such as forums, social media, or trading apps. These discussions are usually fast-paced, as traders often respond quickly to market movements. Messages tend to be short and filled with abbreviations, emojis, screenshots, and charts that help visualize ideas or data. The structure and features of each platform like comment threads, post reactions, or how multimedia (charts, videos, images) are displayed affect how messages are interpreted. For instance, a chart attached to a post might strengthen an argument, while a reaction icon like a thumbs-up or fire emoji can signal agreement or excitement.

Language use in these communities also carries special meanings. Traders often use terms and phrases to express predictions or opinions about the market, such as “bullish” (expecting prices to rise) or “bearish” (expecting prices to fall). They may also include expressions that show caution or urgency, such as “HODL” (hold your position), “YOLO” (take a risky trade), or “SL” (stop-loss). These expressions shape how readers understand the tone and intent behind a message. Because online trading discussions can range from educational explanations to real-time reactions, the same term may carry different levels of precision. In an instructional post, a trader might use technical terms carefully and clearly, while in live commentary, those same terms might be used more loosely or emotionally to react to market changes.

2.1.3 Local Language Practices (Nigerian Pidgin)

Local language practices, including Nigerian English and Nigerian Pidgin influences, can shape domain-specific usage by introducing preferred expressions, code-switching, and culturally familiar metaphors. This can affect the clarity and ambiguity of terms for insiders and outsiders in a Nigerian online trading setting. Common financial abbreviations may be combined with local expressions or simplified grammar to achieve clarity in group chats. Understanding these influences is essential for accurately describing how forex terms function in context, rather than assuming an international usage. Local language practices matter because people do not speak in a vacuum. They speak to their own communities, with their own rhythms, shortcuts, and shared references in Nigerian online trading spaces. This means Standard English sits side-by-side with Nigerian English and Nigerian Pidgin (Naija Pidgin).

Traders switch between these varieties to be faster, clearer, or more relatable. This Code-Switching is NOT random. It fulfills practical goals: to warn quickly, to encourage, to joke, to build trust, or to mark in-group membership while discussing technical ideas. E.g., Standard English: "Price tapped the inventory above yesterday's high, wait for a confirmed break and retest before entering."

Nigerian Pidgin: "Price don touch that liquidity way dem carry yesterday high. Make we chill small for clean retest before we enter. Keep SL tight, spread don dey wide." Both versions carry the same trading logic, but the Pidgin blended one adds warmth and immediacy. Phrases like "make we chill small" soften the instruction and create a team feeling. Words like "don dey" signal ongoing conditions without long grammar. This style is efficient in fast charts and makes complex instructions feel approachable.

For teaching and documentation, this approach respects the way Nigerian traders truly speak rather than forcing them into only international textbook language. It also makes the research more accurate. Meaning is not just in sole dictionary. It lives in the phrases, jokes, meanings and context as people use every day. By capturing Nigerian English and pidgin alongside technical terms, we discourse one that explains not only what a term denotes, but how it guides action in real-time. These conceptual strands come together in the idea of a semantic map of terms within a specific discourse community. A semantic map shows each term's core meaning, typical variants, frequent collocations, and context-driven extensions, and often links these features to platform and community practices. This approach allows clear, practical descriptions that reflect real usage rather than abstract idealizations.

2.2 Previous Studies

Previous Studies on the Forex market and its discourse have explored a range of topics, from financial and economic aspects to linguistic and social dimensions. These studies can provide a foundational understanding of the field.

2.2.1 Linguistic and Sociolinguistic Studies

Sano and Taylor (2001) in their work, "The Microstructure of the Foreign Exchange Market," the authors surveyed the literature on the behavior of market participants, the flow of information, and the interaction of individual decision-making units. They moved away from a purely macro-economic view of the forex market to focus on the micro-aspect of how traders behave and interact.

Li, Dongqiang (2021) in his PhD thesis for Empirical essay in forex market. Li conducted a literature review of the forex market, with a focus on asset pricing, portfolio management, and risk analysis. The study explored the factors that can influence a diversified forex portfolio.

2.2.2 Financial and Economic Studies

Eichengreen, Rose and Wyplosz (1996) work on Contagious Currency Crisis explores the economic factors that can lead to rapid currency devaluations. While not a linguistic study, it provides the economic context for the higher-stakes environment in which forex discourse occurs.

Evans and Lyons (2002) research on "FX market microstructure" pioneered a new way to explain exchange rate movements by focusing on order flows and how these reflect the behavior of investors. This work shows how seemingly small actions and decisions by individual traders, which are often communicated through specific language, can collectively impact the market.

Fama (1984), Lustig, Verdelhan (2019), these and other researchers have worked on various models to better capture Exchange Rate dynamics, acknowledging that traditional assumptions of market efficiency don't always hold. Their work indirectly highlights the role of human behavior and sentiment, which is often expressed through specialized language.

2.2.3 Computational and Forecasting Studies

1. An investigation into the Recurring Patterns of Forex Time Series data (2016): This study explored whether history repeats itself in the Forex market and if market-shaping patterns are useful for analysis. The research used historical data to analyze patterns and movements, which are often what traders discuss using their unique terminology.

2. Research on Forex Trading Expert Systems: Several papers have explored the use of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to predict Forex trends. These studies, while technical, often use and define the same terms like 'bullish' or 'bearish' that traders use in other discourse, showing how the language of the community is reflected in automated systems.

These previous studies provide a strong foundation for exploring the financial, economic, and technical aspects of the Forex market. However, there remains a gap in the literature regarding a dedicated semantic analysis of the specific terminology used by a distinct sub-group like Nigerian traders.

2.3 The Concern of the Present Study

Although there is substantial work on financial discourse and online trader talk, focused analysis of how forex terms behave semantically within Nigerian online communities remains limited. Existing studies often generalize across international contexts or emphasize institutional communication, leaving gaps in our understanding of locally-grounded usage, where social media is examined, local language practices and platform-specific routines in Nigerian contexts are not always addressed in depth. We therefore know that meanings shift online, but we don't have a clear, evidence-based map of how key forex terms are used, understood, by Nigerian traders across the platforms they actively use.

Right now, there isn't a clear or evidence-based understanding of how key forex (foreign exchange) terms are actually used, understood, or misunderstood by Nigerian traders on the platforms they use every day. This study aims to close that gap by creating a practical “map” that shows how common forex terms appear and function in Nigerian online trading spaces. It looks at how traders use words alongside abbreviations, emojis, screenshots, and charts — and how the design of each platform (like Telegram, Facebook, or X) affects how messages are written and understood.

The study also explores how Nigerian traders bring local expressions and cultural habits into their discussions. These can include motivational phrases, warnings, or playful comments that appear next to technical terms. Together, they influence how meaning is formed and how

people make sense of what others say in trading conversations. To do this, the research combines two main approaches: a close look at the general language use (literal approach) and the implied situational context on how these words or meanings appear (contextual approach). This helps show which terms keep the same meaning, which ones change depending on the situation, and what causes those changes — for example, time pressure, market excitement, or group culture.

The findings are useful in two ways. For researchers, they deepen our understanding of how language and meaning work in real-life trading contexts, especially in Nigeria. For traders, mentors, and educators, the results offer a clear and practical guide that can help people communicate more effectively, avoid misunderstandings, and work better together across platforms.

In short, the study shows that meaning in online trading isn't fixed it depends on how people use words, the platform they're on, and the community they're part of. It gives a detailed, locally grounded picture of how forex language actually works in Nigeria's growing online trading world.

CHAPTER THREE

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

This chapter discusses the theoretical framework which provides justification for the analysis that will be carried out. The framework that will be employed and discussed is the Contextual Theory of Meaning by John Rupert Firth (1957). This section discusses what the theory means, how it applies to this research, and why it helps explain how Nigerians create and interpret meaning in online forex trading.

3.1 The Contextual Theory of Meaning

The Contextual Theory of Meaning, proposed by John Rupert Firth (1957), explains that words and expressions cannot be fully understood when taken alone. Instead, their meanings depend on the situations, environments, and communities in which they are used. Firth's main idea was that language is deeply connected to social life, the words people choose and the meanings they carry are shaped by context, interaction, and shared experience.

Firth famously stated that "you shall know a word by the company it keeps." This means that a word's meaning becomes clear when we look at the words, phrases, and situations that surround it. Meaning, therefore, is not fixed or universal; it changes depending on how, where, and by whom the word is used. This theory is particularly important for this study because it helps to explain how Nigerian traders construct and interpret meaning in online forex communities. In these spaces, the same terms can carry different shades of meaning based on tone, purpose, platform, and social relationships among traders. The Contextual Theory of Meaning provides a strong foundation for analyzing how these meanings are built, shared, and understood.

Firth's theory can be explained through three key concepts that work together to show how meaning functions in real communication: literal meaning, contextual meaning, and contextual usage.

Literal meaning

This refers to the most basic or surface definition of a word — the one typically found in a dictionary. It is the conventional or common meaning that remains constant across most situations. However, Firth emphasized that literal meaning alone is not enough to fully understand how words are used in real-life communication, because it does not account for social and situational influences.

Contextual meaning

This builds upon literal meaning by considering how the situation, purpose, and participants shape interpretation. It recognizes that the same word can take on new or different meanings depending on who is speaking, who is listening, and what is happening in the communication setting. Contextual meaning highlights that meaning is flexible and is influenced by social relationships, intentions, and shared understanding.

Contextual usage

This involves collocations, focuses on how words naturally occur together in patterns of everyday language. Firth argued that meaning is often revealed through these habitual combinations of words. Collocations show the company a word keeps the words it tends to appear with and how these pairings help form meaning. This aspect of the theory draws attention to the importance of regular usage patterns in building and maintaining shared meanings within a community.

Together, these three concepts show that meaning is not static or isolated. Literal meaning gives a starting point; contextual meaning adjusts it to fit the situation; and contextual usage strengthens it through recurring patterns of use.

3.2 Application of the Theory

The Contextual Theory of Meaning is applied in this study to explain how Nigerian traders understand and use forex related terms in their online communities. This theory helps to show how meanings are built, shared, and adjusted based on context, including the platform, the speaker's intention, and the group's shared experience.

In the Nigerian forex space, traders use language creatively, often mixing standard financial terms with informal expressions, abbreviations, and local slang. By applying Firth's theory and using these three key concepts — literal meaning, contextual meaning, and contextual usage (collocations) we can better understand how words take on new meanings in these trading environments.

To illustrate this, two commonly used forex terms “Pips” and “Leverage” are examined below using the framework of the Contextual Theory of Meaning.

1. Pips

Literal Meaning:

In everyday English, “pips” simply refers to small seeds found in fruits, such as apples or oranges. This is the dictionary or surface-level meaning of the word.

Contextual Meaning:

Within the forex trading community, however, “pips” takes on a completely different meaning. It refers to the smallest unit of price movement in the exchange rate between two currencies. Traders use it to measure profit, loss, and general market movement. Thus, the meaning of “pips”

is redefined by the trading environment its interpretation depends entirely on the financial context rather than its literal sense.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

Among Nigerian traders, the term “pips” often appears with other words or expressions that reveal its specialized meaning. Common collocations include phrases like “gain pips,” “lose pips,” “catch pips,” or “target pips.”

In informal online spaces, especially in Nigerian Pidgin English, traders might say things like:

“I catch like 40 pips today, e sweet me die.”

“Market shake small, I lose all my pips.”

These expressions show how “pips” has developed localized meanings through repeated use in the Nigerian trading community. The word no longer refers to fruit seeds, but to units of market success or loss shaped by shared experience, emotion, and community understanding.

2. Leverage

Literal Meaning:

In general English, “leverage” means having an advantage, power, or influence over a situation or person. It describes the act of using something to gain greater control or benefit.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, “leverage” refers to borrowed capital that allows traders to control larger positions with a smaller amount of their own money. It expresses a financial mechanism that increases both potential profit and potential loss. The meaning shifts from social or strategic advantage to a precise financial concept based on trading systems and risk management.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

Among Nigerian traders, “leverage” often appears in phrases such as “high leverage,” “low leverage,” “leverage ratio,” or “blow account because of leverage.”

In Pidgin discussions, it might appear like this:

“No use that high leverage o, e fit wipe your account clean.”

“I dey play small lot with low leverage make I no cry later.”

These expressions show that “leverage” is not only a technical term but also part of a shared linguistic culture among traders — one that combines financial awareness with local tone, emotion, and community-based caution.

Through these examples, the Contextual Theory of Meaning helps explain how Nigerian traders give forex terms new life and local meaning. The theory shows that literal meaning gives a general idea, contextual meaning reshapes it for the trading environment, and contextual usage through repeated patterns and collocations builds a shared understanding within the community.

In this way, meaning is constantly constructed, negotiated, and reinforced by traders through everyday interaction, platform norms, and cultural expression.

3.3 Relevance and Justification of the Theory

The Contextual Theory of Meaning is highly relevant to this study because it explains how meaning is dynamic, social, and dependent on real-life use. In the world of forex trading, language is not fixed or limited to dictionary definitions. Instead, meanings change based on the situation, the platform, and the shared understanding among traders. Forex terminologies are constantly evolving. Among Nigerian traders, these terms often develop new shades of meaning that go beyond their traditional or textbook definitions. Their meanings are shaped by how they are used in conversations, how traders respond to one another, and how communication happens

in online trading communities. This shows that meaning is not something stable or universal; it is flexible and continuously shaped through interaction. In Nigerian online trading spaces, a community-based understanding of forex language has developed over time. Traders share experiences, strategies, and reactions using familiar expressions that carry meanings specific to their group. This shared language allows them to communicate quickly, express emotion, and signal expertise. It also helps them interpret the market and coordinate actions with others who understand the same terms in similar ways.

However, without a contextual understanding, outsiders or non-traders may easily misinterpret what these terms mean. Words that carry specialized meaning within the community might seem confusing or unrelated to their standard definitions. The Contextual Theory of Meaning provides the right lens for interpreting these differences, as it emphasizes how social interaction and habitual usage give words their true sense in a given environment. Therefore, this theory is justified for the study because it captures the real nature of forex discourse among Nigerian traders a discourse that is fast-moving, collaborative, and shaped by shared experience. By applying this theory, the study is able to explain not just what traders say, but how and why their words carry particular meanings within their online networks.

CHAPTER FOUR

DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS

4.0 Introduction

This chapter presents and analyzes key forex terms used by Nigerian traders in online spaces. The analysis is based on John Rupert Firth's Contextual Theory of Meaning, which explains that meaning comes from the context in which a word is used and the company it keeps. Rather than relying on dictionary definitions, this chapter focuses on how forex terms function in real conversations among traders. It shows how Nigerian traders create and share meanings through their everyday interactions, abbreviations, and collocations in online trading communities.

4.1 Data Presentation

To cover a wide range of forex terms, the collected data are grouped into five categories based on their functions and how they appear in trading conversations. Each category represents a specific area of trading activity, such as reading charts, placing orders, managing risk, or interpreting market behavior.

This grouping makes it easier to understand how traders use these terms in real contexts showing not only what the words mean, but also how they interact, relate to each other, and reflect traders' experiences within the Nigerian forex community.

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4.1.1 Charting and Price-Action Terminologies

1. Chart
2. Candlesticks (Candle Sticks / Candies)
3. Indicator
4. Trend
5. Change of Character (ChoCH)

These are the main tools traders use to read price movement, identify trends, and spot reversals in the market.

4.1.2 Order and Trade Execution Terminologies

6. Buy
7. Sell
8. Order Types (Market Order | Limit Order)
9. Quotes
10. Execution
11. Requote
12. Slippage

These terms describe how traders place, manage, and execute their orders in the forex market.

4.1.3 Risk-Management Terminologies

13. Stop Loss (SL)
14. Take Profit (TP)
15. Stop Out
16. Break Even (B/E)
17. Slippage Control

This group focuses on how traders manage risk and protect capital during live trades.

4.1.4 Account and Capital-Management Terminologies

18. Leverage

19. Margin / Margin Call

20. Equity

21. Position Sizing

22. Drawdown

23. Recovery Strategy

24. Risk Management

These terms explain how traders handle account balance, control exposure, and plan recovery after losses.

4.1.5 Market Context and Social-Interaction Terminologies

25. Broker

26. Strategy

27. Analysis

28. Signal

29. Demo Account

30. Automated Trading

31. Swap

32. Liquidity

33. Spread

34. Session

35. News / Economic Calendar

36. Fundamental Analysis

37. Correlation

38. Hedging

39. Scalping

40. Psychology

This category highlights the wider market environment and social factors that shape how traders operate, communicate, and interpret market behavior.

4.2 Data Analysis and Discussion

The analysis of selected Nigerian forex terminologies is based on John Rupert Firth's Contextual Theory of Meaning, which emphasizes that words derive meaning from the situations, contexts, and communities in which they are used. In forex trading, meanings are not fixed but depend on how terms function in real conversations among traders.

This section explores how Nigerian traders use forex terms within and outside online trading spaces, focusing on the intentions behind their usage, relationships between words, and how meaning is constructed through interaction. It also considers how certain words carry specialized meanings that go beyond their literal sense, reflecting the shared experiences of Nigerian traders.

The analysis will be guided by three key concepts from Firth's Contextual Theory of Meaning which are Literal Meaning, Contextual Meaning, Contextual Usage (Collocations). These concepts will help explain how forex terms develop and function in Nigerian trading discourse.

4.2.1 Charting and Price Action Terminologies

1 .Chart

Literal Meaning:

A chart is a visual representation of data, commonly used in reports, presentations, or research to display trends, comparisons, or numerical information. Examples include bar charts, line graphs, and pie charts, which help people visualize data clearly and easily.

Contextual Meaning:

In the forex trading context, a chart refers specifically to a price chart (such as a line, bar, or candlestick chart) used to study market trends, price patterns, and key levels. Traders use charts to understand price movement, market structure, and potential reversal zones. It becomes a core analytical tool for making trading decisions, identifying opportunities, and timing entries or exits.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian trading discourse, the word chart often appears alongside other expressions like “confirm setup”, “confirm trade”, or “mark levels”. These collocations show how traders communicate shared meanings — using the term “chart” as a shorthand for market analysis, strategy, or readiness to trade.

Within this community, being able to “read the chart” is seen as a mark of skill and experience, while misunderstanding it may signal confusion or inexperience.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “Check my chart” (The trader has identified a possible trading setup or entry point.)
- b. “I no just understand this chart today!” (The trader is confused or frustrated by the market movement.)
- c. “This chart just scammed!” (The market behaved unexpectedly, leading to loss or disbelief.)

These expressions reveal that chart goes beyond its literal visual meaning to represent a shared tool of interpretation, confidence, and emotional expression among Nigerian traders. The term's usage reflects how meaning is socially constructed and context-driven in online forex communities.

2. Candlesticks (Candles)

Literal Meaning:

In general English, a candlestick is a holder designed to support a candle, while a candle is a wax stick that produces light when burned. It represents illumination, clarity, or guidance in everyday usage.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, candlesticks (often called candles) are visual elements on a price chart that display market movement within a specific time frame. Each candlestick shows four key pieces of information — the opening, closing, highest, and lowest prices — helping traders interpret market behavior. Traders study candlestick formations to recognize patterns, trends, and potential reversals. These candles form the language through which traders “read” market activity and anticipate price direction.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

Within Nigerian forex trading circles, candlestick or candle frequently appears in phrases like “long candle,” “rejection candle,” “engulfing candle,” “wait for candle confirmation,” or “this candle wicked me.”

Such collocations show that traders use the term not only to describe chart visuals but also to express market reactions, entry confirmations, and even emotional responses to sudden market

changes. In this sense, candles serve as a shared visual language that traders use to communicate confidence, frustration, or caution during market discussions.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “That candle too strong — I no fit enter!” – The trader hesitates due to a volatile market move.
- b. “Wait for candle confirmation before you enter o.” – A warning to confirm a signal before taking a trade.
- c. “This candle wicked me!” – The market suddenly reversed, hitting the trader’s stop loss or causing a loss.

These examples show that candlesticks go beyond their literal meaning of light or holders to symbolize movement, timing, and trader emotions in the forex space. Among Nigerian traders, candles represent the heartbeat of the market — a visual and social code through which traders read, react, and relate to price action in real time.

3. Indicator

Literal Meaning:

An indicator in general English means a sign, signal, or measure that shows the state or level of something. It is commonly used to describe tools that point out change or provide guidance, such as traffic indicators or performance indicators.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, an indicator refers to a technical tool or mathematical formula used to analyze price data and predict market movement. Indicators help traders interpret market behavior, identify possible entry and exit points, and make informed trading decisions. Common examples include the Moving Average, Relative Strength Index (RSI), and Bollinger Bands. For traders,

indicators serve as “guides” or “confirmations” that support their analysis and increase confidence in a trade setup.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian trading spaces, the term indicator frequently appears with phrases like “my indicator don show signal,” “I use two indicators to confirm,” “no rely on indicator alone,” or “the indicator no gree today.” These collocations reveal that traders use the term flexibly both to describe technical tools and to express trust or frustration depending on whether the tool supports their expectation. In these contexts, indicator becomes part of a shared community language for interpreting success, error, or confirmation during analysis.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “My indicator don show buy signal.” – The trader’s tool suggests an upward move.
- b. “No depend on indicator alone o!” – A caution not to rely entirely on technical tools.
- c. “This indicator just confuse me.” – The trader is unsure or frustrated by mixed signals.

These examples show that indicator has shifted from a simple sign or signal to a symbol of trust, confirmation, and analysis within forex communities.

4. Trend

Literal Meaning:

In everyday English, a trend means a general direction in which something is developing or changing, such as a fashion trend or social media trend. It represents what is currently popular or moving in a particular direction over time.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, a trend refers to the overall direction of the market, either upward (bullish), downward (bearish), or sideways (ranging). Traders analyze trends to align their positions with

the market's momentum and to anticipate future movements. Understanding the trend is central to trading success because it guides decisions on whether to buy, sell, or wait.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

Within Nigerian forex discourse, trend appears with expressions like “follow the trend,” “trend don change,” “catch the trend early,” or “no trade against the trend.” These collocations show how traders use the word as both a technical guide and a social warning — a reminder to move with the market flow, not against it. Among traders, identifying the correct trend is seen as proof of skill and discipline.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “Just follow the trend, no stress yourself.” – Advice to trade in the direction of the market.
- b. “This trend no clear today.” – The trader finds market direction uncertain.
- c. “Trend don change o, close that trade!” – A warning that the market has reversed.

These expressions show that trend extends beyond its literal meaning of direction to represent judgment, timing, and community wisdom among Nigerian traders.

5. Change of Character (ChoCH)

Literal Meaning:

In ordinary English, a change of character means a shift in someone's nature, behavior, or attitude — when a person starts acting differently from how they usually do. It describes a noticeable transformation in personality or behavior. Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, Change of Character (ChoCH) refers to a shift in market structure — when price action moves from an existing trend to a new direction. It signals that the market's behavior is changing, often marking the beginning of a reversal or the end of a previous trend. Traders use

ChoCH as a key point of analysis to detect whether buyers are losing control and sellers are taking over, or vice versa.

Within trading communities, especially among Nigerian traders, ChoCH has become a common shorthand in discussions and chart analyses. It indicates a trader's awareness of market psychology and timing, helping others recognize potential opportunities or risks before they occur.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

The term ChoCH often appears with phrases like “market don ChoCH,” “wait for ChoCH confirmation,” “ChoCH before entry,” or “ChoCH don happen for 1-hour time frame.”

These collocations show that traders use ChoCH both as a technical signal and a communication tool to express collective understanding of price behavior. Among Nigerian traders, it also reflects alertness, strategy, and a shared sense of interpretation within the group. Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “Market don ChoCH, time to switch direction.” – The trader recognizes a change in market structure.
- b. “Wait for ChoCH confirmation before you enter.” – Advice to confirm a trend reversal before taking action.
- c. “ChoCH just play me o!” – The trader misread or entered too early on a false reversal signal.

These examples show that Change of Character (ChoCH) has moved beyond its literal meaning of personal transformation to express a technical and strategic shift in forex trading. For Nigerian traders, it symbolizes awareness, caution, and adaptability reflecting how meaning evolve.

4.2.2 Order and trade execution terminologies

1. Buy

Literal Meaning:

In ordinary English, buy means to purchase something by paying money for it. It refers to the act of obtaining an item, product, or service in exchange for payment. It often implies ownership, acquisition, or investment when someone decides to take possession of something they believe holds value.

Contextual Meaning (in Forex Trading):

In forex trading, buy refers to taking a long position — that is, entering the market with the expectation that the price of a currency pair will rise. A trader “buys” when they anticipate that the base currency (the first in the pair, e.g., EUR in EUR/USD) will strengthen against the quote currency (the second, e.g., USD).

Buying represents confidence, optimism, and anticipation of upward momentum. When traders say they are buying, it means they believe the market structure, price action, or technical indicators suggest a bullish trend.

Among Nigerian traders, buy is not just a trading instruction but also a common expression that reflects hope, timing, and market intuition. It signals both a decision and an emotional stance — readiness to take advantage of a potential upward move.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

Common expressions include: “Buy setup dey form.” “I go buy after retest.” “Market na buy now.” “No sell o, na pure buy zone be this.”

These collocations show that buy is used flexibly as both a technical directive and a social cue during market discussions. It conveys conviction, shared optimism, and alignment with market flow.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “Market structure don break, I go buy small lot.” – The trader sees a bullish opportunity.
- b. “Wait make candle close before you buy.” – Advice to confirm momentum before entering.
- c. “Na buy day today, sellers no get power again.” – Observation that buyers dominate the session.

In Nigerian trading spaces, buy embodies more than its literal financial sense, it captures the trader’s faith in market movement and their readiness to capitalize on upward shifts. It represents confidence, opportunity, and community consensus in shared market interpretation.

2. Sell

Literal Meaning:

In ordinary English, sell means to give something to someone else in exchange for money. It involves parting with an item, service, or asset — often the opposite of buy. To sell is to offer or trade something away, usually for profit or necessity.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, sell refers to taking a short position, meaning the trader expects the price of a currency pair to fall. Selling in this context is based on the belief that the base currency will weaken against the quote currency. A sell decision reflects anticipation of decline, strategic timing, and risk control. It is not just about getting rid of something but about predicting downward movement and profiting from it. For Nigerian traders, sell often carries a tone of alertness and caution — it represents a tactical response to market shifts and a signal to act

before a downturn becomes evident to others. It also reflects shared understanding and quick decision-making within trading groups.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

Common expressions include: “Market don break structure, na sell be this.” “I dey wait for sell confirmation.” “Na sell trend we dey now.” “Better sell setup dey form for 15-minute chart.”

These collocations show that sell is a key term in trader communication — signaling not just an action but a shared perception of bearish sentiment.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “Once ChoCH confirm, I go sell.” – Trader plans to act on a confirmed downtrend.
- b. “This market na sell from top; buyers don tire.” – Indicating weakening buyer strength.
- c. “Sell dey sweet today, all entries dey hit TP.” – Expressing satisfaction with successful trades.

Within Nigerian trading circles, sell conveys more than a market action it represents strategic withdrawal, discipline, and market awareness. It’s an expression of insight, timing, and adaptability as traders react to changes in momentum.

3. Quotes

Literal Meaning:

In everyday English, a quote means a statement that repeats someone’s exact words, or an estimated price for a product or service. For instance, when someone says “I’ll give you a quote,” it means they’ll tell you how much something costs. It expresses value, estimation, or reference.

Contextual Meaning (in Forex Trading):

In forex trading, a quote refers to the current market price of a currency pair the rate at which one currency can be exchanged for another. It shows both the bid price (the price at which traders can sell) and the ask price (the price at which they can buy).

Quotes represent real-time market information, reflecting supply and demand dynamics, economic data, and trader sentiment. For example, a EUR/USD quote of 1.0850 means one euro is worth 1.0850 U.S. dollars.

Among Nigerian traders, “quote” often appears in conversations about price updates, volatility, and timing of entries. It’s also used informally to mean the “current rate” or “live price” — the heartbeat of the market that every trader watches.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

Common phrases include: “Check the latest quote before you enter.” “Broker quote no dey match TradingView.” This quote don move fast o.” “I dey wait make quote stabilize first.”

These show that quote serves as both a technical reference and a communication signal traders rely on it to align entries, compare platforms, and discuss market shifts.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “The quote for GBP/USD don change sharply after news drop.” – Noticing rapid market reaction.
- b. “My broker quote dey lag small.” – Observing price delay compared to other platforms.
- c. “Always confirm the quote before you set your order.” – Advice to ensure accuracy before trading.

In essence, quote in forex discourse represents awareness, accuracy, and responsiveness. Among Nigerian traders, it reflects both technical understanding and collective attentiveness to market movement — the constant rhythm of trading life.

4. Order Types (Market Order / Limit Order)

Literal Meaning:

In ordinary English, an order means a request or instruction to supply or deliver something. It's when someone tells another person to provide or perform something, often involving a transaction or service. It suggests direction, control, and intention.

Contextual Meaning (in Forex Trading):

In forex trading, an order refers to a trader's instruction to their broker to buy or sell a currency pair under specific conditions. There are different types of orders depending on how and when the trader wants the trade to be executed. The two most common are Market Orders and Limit Orders.

Market Order:

This is an instruction to buy or sell immediately at the current market price. Traders use market orders when they want to enter or exit a position quickly, without waiting for a specific price level. It reflects urgency, reaction to momentum, or confirmation of analysis.

Limit Order:

A limit order allows a trader to set a specific price at which they want to buy or sell. The order will only execute when the market reaches that price. This type of order shows patience, planning, and risk management — it's used by traders who wait for the market to come to their preferred level before acting.

Among Nigerian traders, both order types are central to discussions about strategy, timing, and discipline. They often express personality and trading style — some prefer “market orders” for fast action, while others rely on “limit orders” to maintain control.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

Common expressions include: “I go use market order enter fast”, “Set your limit order before you sleep”, “My limit order never trigger”, “Market order don slip small pips.”

These usages show how traders blend technical and conversational English to share strategies and experiences. The expressions also reveal how Nigerian traders adapt professional jargon into everyday trading talk.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “I entered with market order because news just drop.” – Acting quickly on breaking news.
- b. “Limit order set for 1.0900; I no wan chase price.” – Waiting for an ideal entry level.
- c. “Market order hit TP fast, e be like magic.” – Celebrating a quick, profitable move.

In summary, Order Types especially Market and Limit Orders represent the decision-making core of forex trading.

Perfect — thank you for the reminder! Here’s “Execution” written in your preferred previous format (like ChoCH, Buy, Sell, Quotes, Order Types) but still reflecting Firth’s Conceptual Theory of Meaning, where meaning is derived from use and context.

5. Execution

Literal Meaning:

In ordinary English, execution means the act of carrying out, performing, or completing a plan, task, or order. It implies putting an intention into action — the stage where decisions or instructions are actually implemented. The term reflects action, implementation, and completion.

Contextual Meaning (in Forex Trading):

In forex trading, execution refers to the process by which a trader's order — to buy or sell — is carried out by the broker on the trading platform. It determines how quickly and accurately a trade enters or exits the market after the trader clicks the button.

Good execution means the trade is processed instantly and at the expected price, while poor execution (often caused by delay, slippage, or internet lag) can lead to losses or missed opportunities. Among Nigerian traders, execution carries both technical and emotional meanings. It is often used to describe a broker's efficiency and reliability, but also reflects the trader's experience of market performance. Expressions such as “execution slow,” or “execution no sharp,” capture a shared understanding of the challenges of online trading in real conditions.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

The word execution frequently appears in trader conversations such as:

“This broker get sharp execution.”

“Execution delay cost me my profit.”

“Na poor execution make my trade slip.”

“I like this platform — their execution clean.”

These collocations reveal that execution is not only a technical term but also a social one, expressing traders' shared perceptions and evaluations of broker performance.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “I for don enter early if no be bad execution.” – Expressing frustration over trade delay.
- b. “Execution fast, trade open immediately.” – Complimenting the broker's speed.
- c. “Market execution no pure for live account.” – Suggesting inconsistency between demo and live trading.

These examples show that the meaning of execution in forex goes beyond its literal sense of “carrying out.” For Nigerian traders, it reflects efficiency, reliability, and trust in trading systems, as well as shared emotional reactions to performance outcomes.

4.2.3 Risk Management Terminologies

1. Stop Loss (SL)

Literal Meaning:

A stop loss is a term that literally means to prevent or stop a loss from happening or continuing. It conveys the idea of control and protection — taking deliberate action to avoid or minimize harm. The phrase reflects caution, foresight, and the desire to prevent negative outcomes.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, Stop Loss (SL) refers to a predetermined point set by a trader to automatically close a trade when the price moves unfavorably beyond a chosen level. It serves as a safeguard that limits potential losses and helps traders manage risk effectively. For example, if a trader buys EUR/USD at 1.0900 and sets a stop loss at 1.0870, the trade will close automatically when the market reaches that point, preventing further loss.

Among Nigerian traders, stop loss is more than just a trading command — it expresses discipline, experience, and emotional maturity. The phrase is commonly used to share lessons or advice about controlling risk. When traders say “stop loss don hit” or “I no set stop loss,” it reflects not only the result of a trade but also an attitude toward learning, patience, and responsibility.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian trading discourse, stop loss often appears in expressions like “stop loss don hit,” “set your stop loss tight,” or “I no use stop loss, now account don red.” These collocations show how the term functions as both a technical and social tool — guiding practice while expressing

emotion. Within this context, stop loss represents not just a market command, but a habit of discipline that separates experienced traders from beginners.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “Stop loss don trigger, I go wait for next setup.” – The trader accepts a small, calculated loss.
- b. “I no set stop loss, now my account don blow.” – The trader expresses regret for not managing risk properly.
- c. “Always protect your trade with stop loss.” – Advice promoting discipline and safety in trading.

These examples show that stop loss goes beyond its literal meaning of preventing loss. It represents control, caution, and professionalism, reflecting how Nigerian traders use language to reinforce the values of patience and responsibility in forex trading.

2. Take Profit (TP)

Literal Meaning:

Literally, take profit means to collect or secure a gain. It expresses the act of claiming the reward of a successful effort — capturing success before it fades. The phrase represents satisfaction, achievement, and closure.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, Take Profit (TP) refers to a preset order that automatically closes a trade when the market reaches a target level of profit. It allows traders to secure earnings without manually watching the market. For example, a trader who sells GBP/USD at 1.2700 and sets a take profit at 1.2650 will automatically close the trade once that price is reached, locking in the profit.

Within Nigerian trading communities, take profit symbolizes success, smart timing, and discipline. It’s often used to celebrate winning trades or to reflect on missed opportunities. The

expression “my TP don hit” is common in chat groups, signaling collective excitement or satisfaction among traders who share similar goals.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian trading conversations, take profit often appears with phrases like “my TP don hit,” “price miss my TP by small pips,” or “always set your take profit make greed no carry you.”

These collocations show that the term conveys both technical achievement and emotional relief.

It reflects not only successful trading decisions but also emotional control and satisfaction.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

a. “My TP don hit, I dey done for the day.” – The trader expresses satisfaction after reaching the profit goal.

b. “Market touch my TP then reverse.” – The trader highlights perfect timing or precision.

c. “I no set TP, greed make me lose the profit.” – The trader regrets missing the chance to secure earnings.

These examples show that take profit extends beyond its literal meaning of collecting gain.

Among Nigerian traders, it represents success, patience, and discipline, illustrating how language in trading captures both technical and emotional dimensions of financial behavior.

3. Stop Out

Literal Meaning:

Literally, stop out means to force something to stop or to bring an activity to an end. It combines the ideas of “stopping” and “removal” — suggesting that something is being halted or pushed out of operation, usually against one’s will. The phrase implies a complete cutoff or automatic ending due to certain conditions being met.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, stop out refers to the automatic closure of a trader's open positions by the broker when the account's equity falls below a specific margin level. This mechanism protects both the trader and the broker from further loss when there is not enough capital to maintain open trades.

For example, if a trader's margin level drops below 20%, the broker may begin closing losing positions one by one until the account balance stabilizes. This process is called a stop out.

Among Nigerian traders, stop out is often used to express frustration, regret, or warning. It represents the point where the market "wipes out" an account or when risk management completely fails. The phrase has become a symbol of both technical error and emotional experience — when a trader loses control and the system takes over.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian trading communities, stop out often appears in expressions such as "account don stop out," "margin call don turn stop out," or "market just stop me out." These collocations show how the term conveys both a technical outcome and an emotional reaction. Within conversations, stop out represents loss, over-leverage, and lessons learned through painful experience.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. "Account don stop out, I overtrade today." – The trader acknowledges losing all active trades due to poor risk control.
- b. "Market just stop me out, I go chill small." – The trader accepts the forced closure and plans to pause trading.
- c. "If you no manage your lot size, stop out sure." – A warning to others about overexposure.

These examples show that stop out extends beyond its literal meaning of forced closure. Among Nigerian traders, it symbolizes loss, caution, and hard-learned discipline, reflecting both the technical and emotional realities of trading.

4. Breakeven (B/E)

Literal Meaning:

Literally, breakeven means reaching a point where there is neither profit nor loss — when gains equal expenses. It represents balance, stability, and recovery, indicating that one has avoided loss even if no net gain was made.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, Breakeven (B/E) refers to adjusting a trade's stop loss to the entry price once the market has moved favorably. This means that even if the price reverses afterward, the trader will neither lose nor gain on that position. Moving a trade to breakeven is a strategy used to protect profits and eliminate risk after a certain level of progress in the trade.

Among Nigerian traders, breakeven represents safety, caution, and emotional relief. It's often seen as a sign of smart decision-making — knowing when to protect capital instead of chasing bigger profits. Phrases like “I don move am to breakeven” or “trade hit B/E” reflect confidence, patience, and control.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian forex discussions, breakeven often appears with expressions like “I move my stop to breakeven,” “trade don hit B/E,” or “secure your trade to breakeven.” These collocations show that the term expresses both a technical action and a sense of emotional safety. Within these communities, breakeven has become a mark of maturity — where traders value protection over greed.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “Trade don hit breakeven, I no fit lose again.” – The trader expresses relief after securing the trade.
- b. “I move my stop to B/E, make market no turn against me.” – Showing discipline and caution.
- c. “Market hit my breakeven before the real move start.” – Frustration over being stopped out too early.

These examples reveal that breakeven goes beyond its literal meaning of balance. In Nigerian forex communities, it symbolizes risk control, patience, and strategic thinking, showing how traders express both technical precision and emotional intelligence in their language.

5. Slippage Control

Literal Meaning:

The word slippage literally means a small slide, shift, or loss of grip. It implies a movement away from the expected path or position. The phrase slippage control therefore means taking measures to prevent or manage that shift — ensuring steadiness, accuracy, and control over unwanted movement.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, slippage control refers to managing or reducing the difference between the expected price of a trade and the actual price at which it is executed. Slippage usually occurs during high volatility or slow internet connections when the market moves too fast for orders to fill at the intended level.

Slippage control therefore focuses on improving trade execution and price accuracy — either through better internet speed, efficient brokers, or by trading during stable market periods.

Among Nigerian traders, slippage control reflects both technical awareness and frustration. It's often mentioned when traders experience delays, sudden price jumps, or losses due to platform inefficiency. Phrases like “slippage too much” or “this broker no get slippage control” show a shared concern about fairness and performance in trading environments.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian forex discourse, slippage control commonly appears in expressions such as “this broker get good slippage control,” “my trade slip because no control,” or “na slippage spoil my entry.” These collocations show how traders connect technical execution with trust and reliability. For many, slippage control stands as a sign of a quality trading platform and a smoother trading experience.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “This broker get better slippage control, price dey enter sharp sharp.” – Praising a reliable trading platform.
- b. “My entry slip bad, no slippage control at all.” – Complaining about poor execution.
- c. “If your broker no get slippage control, e fit affect your profit.” – Giving advice on broker selection.

These examples show that slippage control extends beyond its literal meaning of preventing a slip. For Nigerian traders, it represents accuracy, fairness, and trust, reflecting how technical efficiency is tied to emotional confidence in the trading experience.

4.2.4 Account and Capital-Management Terminologies

1. Leverage

Literal Meaning:

Literally, leverage means using a lever to lift or move something heavier than one could manage alone. It represents the use of a smaller force to achieve a greater effect — turning limited power into greater output through support or advantage.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, leverage refers to borrowing funds from a broker to increase a trader's position size beyond their actual account balance. It allows traders to control larger trades with smaller capital for example, a 1:100 leverage means that for every \$1 of a trader's money, they can control \$100 in the market.

While leverage can magnify profits, it also increases potential losses. Among Nigerian traders, it symbolizes both opportunity and danger. It's often discussed with a mix of admiration and caution seen as a powerful tool that can help one "grow account fast," but also the reason many accounts "blow" overnight.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian trading conversations, leverage often appears with phrases like "this leverage too high," "reduce your leverage," "I use 1:500 leverage," or "na high leverage kill that account." These collocations show how traders express both technical awareness and emotional reactions to risk. The term captures the balance between ambition and control that defines trading behavior.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

a. "I dey use small leverage now, make I no blow account again." – Showing caution after past losses.

b. “High leverage sweet but dangerous.” – Reflecting on the risk–reward balance.

c. “Na leverage make my \$50 account grow to \$200.” – Celebrating fast profits from amplified exposure.

These examples show that leverage goes beyond its literal meaning of lifting or magnifying. Among Nigerian traders, it represents power, risk, and ambition, symbolizing the tension between the desire to grow fast and the wisdom to trade safely.

2. Margin / Margin Call

Literal Meaning:

The word margin literally means an edge, boundary, or allowance — a small space that separates the main part of something from its limit. It implies a cushion, a safety gap, or the amount by which something falls short or exceeds a point. A call means a demand or request. Thus, margin call literally suggests a demand related to that safety allowance.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, margin refers to the amount of money a trader must deposit with a broker to open and maintain a leveraged trade. It acts as a form of security or collateral, ensuring that the trader has enough funds to cover potential losses.

A margin call occurs when a trader’s account balance drops too low to maintain open positions.

The broker then issues a warning — or automatically closes trades — to prevent further losses.

Among Nigerian traders, margin and margin call are strongly emotional terms. They are used to describe both opportunity and downfall. Margin represents the financial foundation of a trade, while margin call often signifies a painful lesson. Phrases like “margin call don show” or “I don reach margin level” express frustration, humor, or warning within trading communities.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian forex conversations, margin and margin call often appear with expressions such as “account near margin call,” “increase your margin,” “broker don give me margin call,” or “na margin call wipe my trades.” These collocations show how the terms capture traders’ financial state, emotional responses, and lessons about risk management. Within trading groups, margin call has even become slang for total account loss or near-collapse, used jokingly or as advice.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “Margin call don show, I go close some trades.” – Expressing alarm and action to prevent account wipeout.
- b. “Na margin call finish my account yesterday.” – Sharing the experience of losing all trades.
- c. “Always monitor your margin level, no wait for call.” – Advising others to maintain healthy equity.

These examples show that margin and margin call extend beyond their literal meanings of allowance and request. Among Nigerian traders, they represent risk, caution, and financial pressure, revealing how traders express the balance between control and collapse in their market experiences.

3. Equity

Literal Meaning:

Literally, equity means fairness, ownership, or the value of something after debts are removed. It conveys the idea of balance, justice, or true worth the portion that genuinely belongs to someone.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, equity refers to the total value of a trader's account, including both the balance and any floating profit or loss from open trades. It shows the real-time worth of the trading account. When all trades are closed, equity becomes equal to the account balance.

For example, if a trader has a \$100 balance and an open trade showing \$10 profit, the equity becomes \$110. Conversely, if the trade shows a \$10 loss, the equity drops to \$90.

Among Nigerian traders, equity is often used to measure account health, strength, and potential. The term symbolizes not only money but also confidence, growth, and survival. When traders say “my equity don drop” or “equity strong,” they refer both to financial condition and emotional stability.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian trading conversations, equity often appears in expressions such as “protect your equity,” “equity don reduce,” “build your equity first,” or “no over-leverage your equity.” These collocations show that equity functions as both a technical measure and a motivational term — reminding traders to manage funds wisely and stay patient.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “My equity strong, I fit open another position.” – Showing confidence in account capacity.
- b. “Equity don drop, I go reduce my lot size.” – Demonstrating caution after losses.
- c. “Always protect your equity, no let greed spoil am.” – Giving advice on long-term sustainability.

These examples show that equity goes beyond its literal meaning of ownership or value. Among Nigerian traders, it represents financial strength, discipline, and survival, capturing how traders use language to express both confidence and caution in the uncertain world of forex.

4. Drawdown

Literal Meaning:

Drawdown literally means a reduction from a previous high or peak — for example, water level falling from its maximum, or a budget being decreased from its highest allocation. It denotes the amount by which something has declined.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, drawdown refers to the decline in an account's equity from a peak to a trough before a new peak is achieved. It is usually expressed as a percentage and measures the downside risk and volatility of a trading strategy or account. Large or prolonged drawdowns indicate higher risk and can affect a trader's ability to continue operating.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian trading conversations, drawdown commonly appears with phrases like “max drawdown,” “recover from drawdown,” and “drawdown period.” These collocations reflect concerns about strategy robustness, psychological pressure, and the practical limits of capital. Traders use the term to justify changes in approach or temporary pauses from trading.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “Strategy has 25% max drawdown — I can't handle that stress.” (Expresses risk tolerance limits.)
- b. “In drawdown now, just following my rules till recovery.” (Signals discipline during losses.)
- c. “Account suffered big drawdown after news spike — execution na wah.” (Attributes drawdown to volatility and execution issues.)

These usages show that drawdown functions both as a technical metric and as a narrative device about resilience, risk appetite, and broker/platform reliability within trader communities.

5. Risk Management

Literal Meaning:

Risk management generally means identifying, assessing, and taking steps to minimize potential losses in any activity — whether financial, operational, or personal. It involves planning and implementing measures to reduce exposure to harm.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, risk management is the set of practices and rules traders use to limit potential losses and preserve capital. This includes position sizing, setting stop losses and take profits, using appropriate leverage, diversifying exposure, monitoring drawdown, and having recovery plans. Effective risk management is considered the backbone of long-term trading success.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian trading discourse, risk management is often paired with expressions like “position sizing,” “percentage risk per trade,” “risk - reward,” and “protect equity.” Such collocations emphasize concrete rules and behaviors rather than abstract caution. Traders discuss risk management both as technical procedure and moral guidance.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. “I risk 1% per trade — na my risk management rule.” (A stated rule for position sizing.)
- b. “Good risk management na dey save my account when market bad.” (Narrative crediting procedure for survival.)
- c. “People dey chase big wins, no risk management — next thing na zero balance.” (Warning against reckless behavior.)

These examples show that in practice, risk management is a lived discipline communicated through rules, stories, and community norms — not merely a theoretical concept.

4.2.5 Market Context and Social-Interaction Terminologies

1. Broker

Literal Meaning:

A broker is an intermediary who facilitates transactions between two parties — for example, a real-estate broker helps buyers and sellers connect, or a stockbroker executes buy and sell orders for clients.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, a broker is the firm or platform that provides access to the market. Brokers supply price quotes, execute orders, offer trading platforms (like MetaTrader), and set the terms traders live by: spreads, commissions, leverage, execution speed, and account types (demo, standard, swap - free). Traders rely on brokers to turn their analysis into actual trades, so a broker's reliability and rules can make or break a trading plan.

Choosing a broker isn't just a technical decision — it's about trust, safety, and everyday convenience. Traders talk about brokers the way they talk about doctors or banks: you want someone competent, honest, and responsive. A poor broker can cause frustration (requotes, slow fills, unexpected stop-outs), while a good one helps you execute your plan without extra stress.

In many Nigerian trading communities, broker choice also ties into local payment options, customer support quality, and how the broker handles disputes.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

Common pairings and phrases include “trusted broker,” “no - requote broker,” “regulation,” “spread,” “swap - free account,” and “withdrawal issue.” These collocations show what traders pay attention to: fairness of pricing, speed of execution, regulatory backing, and ease of moving money in and out.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- “This broker no allow local banks — withdrawal o.” (Complaining that the broker’s payment options make access difficult.)
- “Use good broker o; to avoid those 419 ones wey dy pay .” (A warning about safety and accountability.)
- “I loss because of requotes during news — broker execution spoil the trade.” (Attributing a bad outcome to broker performance.)

Good brokerage practices reduce friction so traders can focus on analysis and discipline.

2. Strategy

Literal Meaning:

A strategy is a plan of action designed to achieve a particular goal. In everyday life it can mean how you study for exams, manage a household budget, or prepare a meal — a repeatable approach that guides decisions.

Contextual Meaning:

In forex trading, a strategy is a defined set of rules and methods a trader uses to enter, manage, and exit trades. It can be technical (based on charts, indicators, price action), fundamental (based on economic data and news), automated (an algorithm or Expert Advisor), or a blend. A strategy

includes timeframes, position sizing rules, risk parameters (stop loss, take profit), and criteria for when to trade or stand aside.

A strategy turns emotion into routine. Instead of guessing or reacting to every move, traders with a strategy follow a tested plan that reduces impulsiveness and helps manage stress. Strategies also reflect personality: some traders prefer quick scalp trades and high intensity, others prefer slow swing trades with fewer decisions. In communities, strategies are shared, debated, improved, and sometimes sold — creating both learning opportunities and pitfalls (overfitting, false promises).

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

You'll see phrases like “tested strategy,” “scalping strategy,” “trend - following strategy,” “backtested,” “edge,” and “risk - reward.” These collocations highlight the practical criteria traders look for: repeatability, documented performance, and a clear edge over random chance.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- “My strategy just simple: I only trade London open on with 1% risk per trade.” (A compact, rule-based approach.)
- “Backtested the strategy on demo for 6 months before you go open live account .” (A reminder that real markets and broker conditions matter.)
- “People say Alchemist na the 'holy grail' strateg.” (A caution about commercialized strategies and overfitting.)

3. Signal

Literal Meaning:

A "signal" generally refers to a sign, indicator, or message that conveys information or instructions. In various contexts, it could mean a traffic light, a sound, or any other form of communication used to guide actions or decisions.

Contextual Meaning (Forex Trading Context):

In forex trading, a signal refers to an alert or indicator that suggests a possible trading opportunity. These signals could be generated by technical analysis, fundamental analysis, or algorithmic systems. Traders rely on signals to decide when to enter or exit a trade, often using them to confirm setups, identify trends, or pinpoint reversal zones. Signals are essentially prompts that guide traders to take action based on market conditions and analysis.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian forex trading communities, "signal" is frequently associated with phrases like “take signal,” “free signal,” or “signal to sell/buy.” These expressions highlight the importance of signals in decision-making, often shared among traders to convey readiness, opportunities, or warnings. Signals are seen as valuable tools that require skill to interpret and trust to act upon.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

a. “Who get free signal for this pair?”

(The trader is asking for a free trading signal for a specific currency pair from others in the community.)

b. “That signal was mad! I made profit die!”

(The trader is expressing excitement about a profitable signal they followed.)

c. “No just dey take any signal you see o!”

(The trader is warning against blindly following signals without proper verification.)

These examples show how "signal" transcends its basic meaning in forex trading, becoming a tool for collaboration, trust, and shared knowledge among traders.

4. Liquidity

Literal Meaning:

Liquidity refers to the ease with which an asset can be bought or sold in a market without significantly affecting its price. In general, highly liquid assets, like cash or widely traded stocks, can be quickly converted into other forms of value.

Contextual Meaning (Forex Trading Context):

In forex trading, liquidity describes the availability of buyers and sellers in the market, allowing for smooth and efficient transactions. A liquid market, like the forex market, is characterized by high trading volume and minimal price fluctuations when trades are executed. Liquidity is critical for traders as it affects spreads, trade execution, and volatility.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian forex trading discussions, "liquidity" is often coupled with terms like "grab liquidity," "liquidity zone," or "liquidity hunt." These phrases reflect how traders analyze market movements caused by liquidity providers, such as banks or institutions, and interpret price actions aimed at clearing stop losses or triggering orders.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

a. "E be like say market dey grab liquidity here."

(The trader is observing price movement that appears to clear stop-loss orders in a specific area.)

b. "Liquidity zone dey for this level."

(The trader has identified an area where price is likely to react due to a high concentration of orders.)

c. "Omo! Them hunt my stop-loss with liquidity grab."

(The trader is frustrated because their stop-loss was triggered by a sudden price movement aimed at clearing positions.)

These examples highlight how liquidity is not just a technical concept but a strategic element in trading. Traders discuss it as a key driver of price action, using it to understand market structure and anticipate movements.

5. Spread

Literal Meaning:

The term "spread" generally refers to the difference or space between two things. It can describe a physical distance, a range, or a difference in numerical values. For example, in general finance, it may refer to the difference between interest rates or bond yields.

Contextual Meaning (Forex Trading Context):

In forex trading, spread refers to the difference between the "bid price" (the price at which a broker is willing to buy a currency pair) and the "ask price" (the price at which the broker is willing to sell the same currency pair). This difference is measured in pips and represents the cost of trading a currency pair.

The spread is essentially the broker's profit for facilitating the trade, and it can vary depending on:

- Market liquidity: Highly liquid pairs (e.g., EUR/USD) usually have tighter spreads.
- Volatility: During volatile market conditions, spreads can widen significantly.
- Broker type: Some brokers offer fixed spreads, while others have variable spreads that change with market conditions.

Contextual Usage (Collocations):

In Nigerian forex trading communities, "spread" is often used in phrases like "tight spread," "spread too wide," or "spread dey chop my profit." These expressions reflect traders' awareness of spreads as a critical factor in determining trading costs and profitability, especially for scalpers or day traders who execute many trades in a short period.

Examples (Nigerian Forex Context):

- a. "The spread for this pair na die!"

(The trader is complaining that the spread for a specific currency pair is unusually wide, increasing trading costs.)

b. “I go trade pairs with tight spread only.”

(The trader prefers currency pairs with narrow spreads to minimize costs and maximize profits.)

c. “Spread dey wide during news release.”

(The trader observes that spreads become larger during high-impact news events, making trading riskier.)

In Nigerian trading communities, spreads are perceived as a hidden cost, and traders often emphasize the importance of understanding them to avoid unexpected losses.

This explanation shows how the term "spread" transitions from a basic numerical difference to a critical determinant of trading costs and strategy in the forex market, especially among Nigerian traders who often trade with cost-conscious approaches.

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4.3 Discussion of Findings

The analysis of forex terminologies used by Nigerian traders, collected from various social media platforms, shows that trading is not just about technical terms—it is also a social activity. Traders don’t simply memorize fixed definitions; they pick up clues, signals, and shared knowledge that shape how they think, make decisions, and feel about trading situations.

The terms used by traders serve clear purposes:

1. Understanding the market: Words like Chart, Candlesticks, Trend, CooCH help traders analyze market conditions.

2. Making decisions: Terms such as Buy, Sell, Sessions, News guide traders on what action to take.

3. Executing and protecting trades: Words like Stop Loss, Break Even help traders manage risk and protect their capital.

This shows that the language traders use is more than just words—it reflects culture, encodes trading mechanics, and connects learning with real practice.

Traders also use terminology to establish credibility and authority in online forums and groups. Knowing and using the right terms signals experience and earns trust among peers. The way words are combined—known as collocations—helps organize understanding, shape behavior, and guide decisions. For example, phrases like “read the chart” or “set stop loss” are not random; they follow patterns that make communication efficient and meaningful.

Overall, this analysis shows that forex language in Nigerian trading communities is practical, social, and contextual. Understanding these patterns can help create better learning tools, improve comprehension for beginners, and support more effective trading practices.

CHAPTER FIVE

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.0 Introduction

This chapter gives a clear summary of the previous chapters of the study on “Semantic Analysis of Forex Terminologies Used in Online Trading Discourse Among Nigerian Forex Traders.” It explains how Nigerian forex traders communicate and interact online, especially through the use of special trading terms and expressions. The chapter also reviews the main aim and objectives of the study, the research methods used to gather and analyze information, and the key findings that came from the data. This chapter highlights the main discoveries about how forex terms are understood and used differently among Nigerian traders. It also discusses what these findings mean for both new and experienced traders, as well as for linguists interested in online communication. Finally, it provides the overall conclusion of the research and gives practical recommendations that could help improve understanding and communication in the forex trading community.

5.1 Summary of the Study

The study aimed to conduct a semantic analysis of terminologies used in online Forex discourse in Nigeria, focusing on how these terms are applied both within and outside the context of Forex trading. The research employed the Contextual Theory of Meaning, which explains how key words derive meaning from the situations or contexts in which they are used.

Chapter One presented the Background to the Study, emphasizing the use of Forex terms and how Nigerian Forex traders express themselves in various contexts. It also outlined the research problems, research questions, aims and objectives, as well as the significance and scope of the study.

Chapter Two provided a detailed review of related literature, discussing key concepts that guided the research. It highlighted what has already been established in previous studies and explained how this research builds upon and contributes to existing knowledge.

Chapter Three focused on the theoretical framework developed by J. R. Firth (1957), which is the Contextual Theory of Meaning. This theory suggests that the meaning of words extends beyond their literal definitions and can only be fully understood when viewed in their specific contexts of use.

Chapter Four presented and analyzed the data, which consisted of 100 terminologies commonly used in the Nigerian Forex trading environment. These terms were examined using the Contextual Theory of Meaning, with examples drawn from both Nigerian Pidgin and Standard English. Each term was analyzed based on its literal meaning, contextual meaning, and its practical usage in real-life.

5.2 Findings of the Study

The findings of this study revealed that Forex terminologies are defined by their use and the context in which they occur. The study also showed that these terms are shared and understood within a community of traders who interact regularly and pursue common goals, rather than being restricted to dictionary definitions.

The main findings of the research are summarized as follows:

1. Contextual Meaning: The actual meaning of a Forex term in Nigeria is not determined by textbook or dictionary definitions. Instead, it depends on how traders use the term in combination with other words and within specific situations.

2. Variation in Meaning: The same term—especially when expressed in Nigerian Pidgin—can carry different meanings depending on the context of discussion. However, these meanings are still easily understood among members of the trading community.
3. Adaptation and Innovation: Nigerian Forex traders often rename, shorten, or modify international Forex terms to make them easier to type and use on social media platforms and online discussions.
4. Patterned Informality: Although many of these terms are informal, they follow consistent and recognizable patterns in how they are used across different online platforms.

Overall, the findings indicate that Forex trading language in Nigeria is a dynamic and culturally adaptive form of communication. It reflects how language evolves within specific communities and how meaning is shaped by shared experiences, interaction, and context. Forex discourse, therefore, serves as a social and linguistic tool that connects traders and supports their cultural and professional exchange.

5.3 Conclusion

The semantic analysis, guided by Firth's Contextual Theory of Meaning, establishes that the Forex terminologies used by Nigerian traders form a distinct, context-dependent dialect. In essence, this study confirms that meaning is determined by usage rather than by dictionary definitions alone. The specialized vocabulary of Nigerian Forex traders functions as a community-validated communication tool that localizes complex global market concepts into a form that suits their cultural and linguistic environment. This adaptation allows for clearer, more efficient interaction within Nigeria's unique Forex trading ecosystem.

5.4 Recommendations

Based on the findings of this study, the following recommendations are made:

Further Research: Future semantic studies should explore the use of Nigerian Forex terminologies across other digital platforms such as Telegram groups, WhatsApp trading communities, and online webinars. This will help to broaden understanding of how these terms evolve and maintain their meanings in fast-changing digital environments.

Educational and Institutional Awareness: Financial institutions, educators, and trainers should consider examining local Forex terminologies alongside standard financial definitions. Doing so will help identify both similarities and key differences in understanding, thereby improving communication and training for new traders.

Documentation and Standardization: Efforts should be made to document and analyze Nigerian Forex vocabulary as part of broader linguistic and sociocultural research. This would preserve the unique expressions and enhance comprehension among both local and international trading communities.

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Market Structure and Price Movement Terminologies

41. Breakout
42. Fakeout
43. Pullback
44. Retracement
45. Support
46. Resistance
47. Range
48. Consolidation
49. Volatility
50. Momentum
51. Impulse Move
52. Correction
53. Retest
54. Swing High
55. Swing Low
56. Order Block
57. Liquidity Zone
58. Supply Zone
59. Demand Zone
60. Market Structure Shift (MSS)

Trading Strategy and Style Terminologies

61. Day Trading
62. Swing Trading
63. Position Trading
64. Scalping Strategy

- 65. Intraday Trading
- 66. Algorithmic Trading
- 67. High-Frequency Trading (HFT)
- 68. Copy Trading
- 69. Signal Provider
- 70. Strategy Backtesting
- 71. Risk-to-Reward Ratio (R:R)
- 72. Win Rate
- 73. Edge
- 74. Trading System
- 75. Entry Point
- 76. Exit Point
- 77. Trade Setup
- 78. Confirmation Signal
- 79. Confluence
- 80. Price Action Strategy

Technical and Analytical Terminologies

- 81. Moving Average (MA)
- 82. Relative Strength Index (RSI)
- 83. MACD (Moving Average Convergence Divergence)
- 84. Bollinger Bands
- 85. Fibonacci Retracement
- 86. Trendline
- 87. Support Trendline
- 88. Resistance Line

- 89. Channel
- 90. Divergence
- 91. Volume Indicator
- 92. Volatility Index (VIX)
- 93. Pivot Point
- 94. Chart Pattern
- 95. Double Top
- 96. Double Bottom
- 97. Head and Shoulders
- 98. Triangle Pattern
- 99. Flag Pattern
- 100. Wedge Pattern