

Des adverbes du français comme « proformes » : vers une redéfinition de cette catégorie

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Abstract: Some French adverbs have been analysed as forms in a paradigmatic relationship with circumstantial phrases, thus calling into question the adverb label in favour of profuse labels, nominal substitutes, and nouns. As part of this current of ideas, this article states its option for the deep label, but it also raises the problem of its subcategories which have not been defined. However, adverbs are instantiated by various types of lexicon. This article therefore tries to analyse adverbs from French as “proforms” through its various subcategories. Pro-nouns of circumstance, pro-numbers, pro-syntagms of circumstance, pro-propositions and pro-sentences are the five major subcategories of proforms.

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