

THE MARKERS OF CONCESSION IN ASSERTIVE SPEECH ACTS IN AMERICAN AND BULGARIAN DISCUSSION PROGRAMMES

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Abstract: *The relevance of the paper is due to the exponential increase in cross-cultural research interests in the area of communicative acts that are steadily becoming the matter of examination from linguistic and pragmatic perspectives. The study is aimed at defining, classifying and analysing the markers of concession identified and extracted from 6 consecutive broadcasts of two popular discussion programmes in American-English and Bulgarian (TED talks and Investbook) within the confines of the simple (extended) clause. In particular, the use of the descriptive-analytical method in the data interpretation allows distinguishing the structural and pragmatic specificities of the two sets of data. The focus is on the relations of concession within the boundaries of assertive speech acts and more precisely: the representations of certain linguistic means of concession with an emphasis on their functional-semantic and structural-syntactic features as well as on their pragmatic representation. The diversity and the linguistic variability of the adverbial forms of concession are further inspected in terms of their coherent deployment and respective reflection on their semantic functions and communicative meaning.*

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