

Abstract

My bachelor thesis deals primarily with the topic of infinitive in Portuguese which includes a basic overview of variants and rules of its use. It also describes infinitive clauses and their syntactic functions in all subordinate clauses found in the Portuguese infinitive. A significant part describes the formation and use of the infinitive in the subordination completive, where it is also interested in the finite forms of these sentences, in the adverbial, relative, and in the consecutive subordination. The thesis also focuses on the use of the infinitive in all verbal periphrasis of the aspectual nature limiting itself to the basic division of the phase category. This section is accompanied by a large number of examples for the most abundant verbal constructions in the Portuguese language. The next part of the thesis deals with the ways in which the conjunctive is replaced by a personal infinitive, which is another interesting phenomenon of this language.

Secondly, the work focuses on the classification and use of the Spanish infinitive and observes, although less extensively, the same areas as in the Portuguese section. In the context of easier understanding of both infinitives, they are compared in the final step with a focus on the most fundamental differences and similarities of selected areas of previous chapters.

The subject of interest of the final part is mainly the function of the inflected infinitive in Portuguese, which does not exist in Spanish. The main function of the inflected infinitive is to ensure that the subject matter of the infinitive sentence is clearly interpreted in cases where interpretative ambiguity may occur. In this chapter, the thesis explains and defines how this form alternates in Spanish in the form of a subjunctive or indicative, and it helps one understand what aspects matter in choosing one of these forms. Furthermore, it explains the general use of completive phrases substantive in infinitive and finite forms, and as with the previous topic, observes on what the choice of each of them depends. The last marginally studied subject of the comparative chapter is verbal aspectual periphrasis of durative meaning where it mentions the use of Spanish gerund in cases where Portuguese commonly uses infinitive.

This work does not deal with the historical aspect of the researched areas, but approaches them through a synchronous method and offers a systematic approach and a number of examples on individual topics.