

ABSTRACT

This thesis deals with defective verbs in present-day Italian language; i.e. with verbs which lack certain forms in their inflectional paradigm, or they lack their whole subparadigms. The main objective is to divide these verbs according to their type of defectiveness (semantic problems, phonological restrictions or inexplicable cases of defectiveness) and to draw a comprehensive list. The thesis is based on conventional grammars, dictionaries and selected references (e.g. Sims 2015). The theoretical framework identifies the key concepts essential for the definition of defectiveness, based on the existing definitions formulated by linguists and conventional grammars. The main part of this thesis consists of a comprehensive list of defective verbs. The list is drawn according to the reasons of their defectiveness together with the subdivision into corresponding categories according to their characteristics.