

Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with subordinate adverbial clauses of time in German introduced by the following conjunctions: *bis*, *bevor* and *ehe*. The theoretical part of the thesis concentrates on the description of adverbial clauses of time in selected grammar books. The introductory chapter of this part presents how this area is dealt with in the grammar book by Gerhard Helbig and Joachim Buscha, which is considered to be a basic handbook for German as a foreign language at an advanced level. This part also describes how these clauses are dealt with in other grammar books. An emphasis is put on comparing this description with the description by Helbig and Buscha. The practical part focuses on the occurrence of adverbial clauses of time in selected sources, namely fiction, newspapers and the DeReKo corpus. The analysis focuses on clauses introduced by *bevor*, *ehe* expressing implied negation. Furthermore, the analysis deals with adverbial clauses of time with future reference in which the analysed conjunctions, i.e. *bis*, *bevor* and *ehe*, are interchangeable according to some of the analyzed grammar books.

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