

Abstract

This thesis deals with the analysis of the epistemic modality of selected French adverbs in *-ment*. After a theoretical introduction of basic terms and characterizations of the epistemic modality and the principal means of its expression, it focuses on the very epistemic adverbs. At first, for the purpose of the following research, we specify the syntactically and semantically homogenous group of epistemic adverbs in *-ment*, defining it by dictionaries and constituent works. Afterwards, this group is analyzed quantitatively – on the French corpora *Frantext*, *L'Est républicain* and *frWac* – as well as qualitatively – on the parallel corpus *InterCorp* – with an emphasis on the post-verbal position of the adverb in the sentence, on the certainty degree and the Czech translation equivalents. The final part of the study is constituted by a reversed analysis of acquired Czech equivalents.

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