

Abstract

In this paper, we will investigate Spanish modal verbal periphrasis. My decision to choose this topic was based on different conceptions of verb construction in languages such as Spanish, Czech, and Slovak, where they are perceived more like modal verbs. This paper consists of two parts. The first is dedicated to theoretical enlightenment of the terms we are working with and to compare the different approaches in Spanish and Czech linguistic tradition.

In the second part, we will clarify the modal verbal periphrasis that will validate the investigation in the other section. We will then study them by corpus analysis by using the parallel corpus, InterCorp. The main goal of this work is to determine different methods of translating Spanish modal periphrasis into the Czech and Slovak languages.

Key words

modality, modal verbs, verbal periphrasis, *deber*, *tener que*, *poder*, *haber de*