

Abstract

This bachelor's thesis focuses on a previously unacknowledged type of partial syntactic conversion of adjectives into nouns, which can be found in sentences such as *I like normal* or *weird is cool*. The theoretical section introduces the theoretical frame of construction grammar the thesis is based on, as well as the problematics of conversion, particularly partial conversion of adjectives into nouns. In addition, the theoretical section also discusses multiple possible ways of analyzing structures such as *the rich* and *the obvious* (i.e. the difference between partial conversion vs. ellipsis) and how to describe these structures in terms of construction grammar. The practical section is based on the InterCorp corpus, Spoken BNC2014 and COCA; the analysis draws upon a hundred and twenty examples of the construction in question. The analytical section of the thesis shall focus on the complex descriptions of the construction (and potentially its types) with regard to its formal, semantic and referential characteristics, as well as on the pragmatic and contextual aspects related to its practical usage.

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