

Abstract

The aim of this thesis is to present semi-copular constructions in present-day Spanish. We define semi-copular verbs and characterize their relation to copular verbs. In the chapters of the thesis, we present the list of possible subject complements which form constructions with these verbs. We determine their type, semantic scope and possible restrictions. In the experimental part, we examine the adjectives related to selected semi-copular verbs - *ponerse*, *quedarse*, *hacerse* and *volverse* - in detail and we discuss their compatibility with verbs *ser* and *estar*. We also deal with the qualitative analysis of the semantic range for selected occurrences of semi-copular verbs in conjunction with adjectives.

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