

ABSTRACT

The present thesis studies English reason clauses introduced by the conjunctions *since* and *as*. English reason clauses are subsumed under the category of subordinate clauses and as such they accompany matrix clauses in the complex sentences. They can be placed in any of the positions in the sentence and serve various semantic roles and syntactic functions. The main aim of the present work is the analysis of English reason clauses introduced by the conjunctions *since* and *as* in terms of their position and the semantic relationship between them and their matrix clauses. For the purpose of the latter, also their syntactic functions are studied. Furthermore, the analysis is concerned with the factors which may be influential in the choice of the position of reason clauses. The analysis is performed on one hundred examples of English reason clauses introduced by the conjunctions *since* and *as* (50 examples introduced by *since* and 50 by *as*) that have been extracted from the works of prose by the means of the British National Corpus.