

ABSTRACT

The present thesis analyses adjectives partly converted into nouns and their different types of denotata. Due to the fact that conversion is a type of word-formation which raises various questions, one of the tasks of this thesis is to present the different approaches of scholars to this linguistic phenomenon. In the practical part the aim is to compare their findings with the excerpted examples of adjectives partly converted into nouns from the BNC. This empirical part is based on the analysis of 167 tokens out of which there are 100 different types of adjectives. The excerpted tokens are grouped into classes according to their denotata into Type (a) denoting groups of people or animals, Type (b) denoting nationalities, Type (c) denoting abstract concepts and Type (d) denoting individual people. Each of these groups is separately analysed from the morphological and then from the semantic perspective and a comparison among these four groups is made.