

Abstract

The aim of this work is to clarify the use of definite article with toponyms. The thesis is divided into two parts, theoretical one and practical one. In the theoretical part, we deal with the general overview of definite article, proper name and their relation. The subject of the research of the practical part are selected toponyms, with which the use of definite article varies according to the norm. There are four chosen toponyms from Hispanic America: *(la) Argentina*, *(el) Perú*, *(el) Paraguay*, *(el) Ecuador*, and one from non-Hispanic world: *(el) Japón*. We analyse the tendencies of the usage of definite article in front of the chosen toponyms by means of monolingual corpora CREA and CORPES XXI.

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