

J'y pense* : étude du résomptif *y

J'y pense : a study of the French resumptive *y*

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Abstract: The aim of this paper is to show that *y*, a localizing adverbial pronoun in French, can refer to human, nonanimate, or predicative units when it appears in the segment *j'y pense*. It targets recurring structures in which *j'y pense*, taking a resumptive value, refers to predicative units: *j'y pense* thus appears in temporal infra-sentential segments (*quand j'y pense*, *maintenant que j'y pense*, *pendant que j'y pense*), in the correlative *plus j'y pense* and in the discursive structure “(mais) *j'y pense*: predicative unit”. These resumptive units correspond to phraseological units by virtue of their fossilised form and display particular discursive values.

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