

Les marqueurs résomptifs. Étude de cas : *ah oui* / *ah ouais*

Resumptive markers in French. A case study: *ah oui* / *ah ouais*

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Abstract: The aim of this article is to show that the French expressions *ah oui* / *ah ouais*, combining the *oui* / *ouais* modifiers and the interjection *ah*, have lost their predicative role and are considered as discursive markers, in the majority of their uses. As concerns their syntactic usages, as an answer or not to a question, they are found in various positions (isolated, initial, middle or final). This is why *ah oui* and *ah ouais* have developed different semantic values in speech such as assent, confirmation, admiration, astonishment, attentive listening to validate the information given and also to express a feeling about what is said.

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