

La structure *comment que P* à l'oral spontané et représenté

The *comment que P* structure in spontaneous and represented speech

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Abstract: This article takes stock of the *comment que P* structure. It gives an overview of interrogative structures in direct or indirect use, based on examples attested in several corpora of spontaneous speech. It shows that, towards the end of the twentieth century, there was a clear decline in the use of this structure in French in interrogatives. It seems that exclamatory use is less in decline. Analysis of the data for represented speech shows the informal nature of this structure, its decline in interrogatives, particularly indirect interrogatives, and suggests that the exclamative use is better preserved.

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