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Online readers' discourse: a challenging corpus for linguists

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Abstract: This paper analyses a corpus of readers' comments in online news websites, with the objective of describing this widespread discursive practice in participatory media. If writing comments is a long-established practice, we seek here to outline the distinctive features of this form of written participation and discuss whether or not it is possible to describe it as a genre. In order to do so, we will try to describe readers' comments from a formal, pragmatic and techno-discursive perspective.

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