

Registres/niveaux de langue dans les médias numériques : exemples du site forum.doctissimo.fr

Language registers/ levels in digital media: examples from the website forum.doctissimo.fr

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Abstract: The object of this reflection is to show that modern technologies through computer objects, supports and interfaces, have a huge impact on linguistic practices in present times. Starting from some internet users' conversational productions in French, reviewed on the health forum of the site www.doctissimo.fr, we identify and analyse the different language registers/levels as they are articulated and realised on the forums of the aforementioned site. In order to do this, we focus on the lexical, morphological, stylistic and prosodic features of the utterances that we analyze, in order to test the ground hypothesis according to which computer technology affects the linguistic competence and performance of the actors in the communication process. Therefore, we conclude, in the light of our discussion, that the future of French and of language in general also depends on the importance that Internet has and will continue to have on our everyday lives.

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