

An enunciative approach to discourse markers: *yet* and *still*

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Abstract: The present study aims to provide a general model for the analysis of discourse markers, formulated within the Theory of Enunciative and Predicative Operations (TEPO) (cf. Culioli 1990, 1999a, 1999b). Discourse marking is seen as a complex activity of regulation, involving metalinguistic comment on operations of representation and / or reference assignment. In illustration of the model, a single schematic form for the markers *yet* and *still* is shown to give rise to contextually situated values of both micro-and macro-syntactic scope as a function of various linguistically observable factors. All examples are taken from the spoken part of the British National Corpus.

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