

À propos de quelques constructions entre syntaxe et discours : l'expression de la continuité

Between syntax and discourse: some remarks on continuative clauses

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Abstract: This article examines a few French constructions with two variants: one that can be analysed as an adverbial phrase or clause, the other as a kind of coordination that is not syntax but discourse-related. Three of these constructions concern, at least in their coordinative version, the expression of posteriority: *pour* + infinitive, *avant de* + infinitive, *jusqu'à ce que*. The fourth is illustrated by those of nonrestrictive relative clauses which Jespersen (1933) called *continuative relative clauses*. The expression of posteriority explains why these constructions are favored in narratives. The analyses presented here deal in particular with their syntactic, declarative, discursive, thematic and aspectual properties.

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