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MORPHOLOGICAL NATURE OF THE DEFINITE ARTICLE IN BULGARIAN

(Abstract)

The paper considers the problem of morphological nature of the definite article in Bulgarian. Although its main features are object of study of a number of linguistic developments the linguistic literature still lacks a unified opinion on the issue of defining it. Based on a detailed analysis of how the formal indicator for symbolizing of determination operates within the nominal phrase and its specifics of double-morpheme logically comes the summary of its morphological nature as half-agglutinative formant. In support of this thesis some notable examples are brought, both from synchronous and diachronic perspective of view.

Keywords: definite article, half-agglutinative formant, double-morpheme indicator, definition, terminology problem

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