

Linguistic Substitution as Verbal Dynamism

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Abstract

Linguistic substitution is one of the most prolific and widespread processes in language use. All dialects resort to it for various purposes. An Arabic cross-dialectal investigation of this phenomenon shows the versatility of the processes reflected in substitution, and brings out all the robustness of dialectal verbal dynamism. Most of the processes involved in substitution are generally a result of applications in linguistic economy.

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