

Semantic Shift in Moroccan Arabic The Cases of Verbs of Movement, *yemken* and *yeqDer*¹

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Abstract

This paper seeks to examine the status of verbs of movement in Moroccan Arabic (MA) as well as the forms *yemken* and *yeqDer*. Generally speaking, these expressions have failed to obey the laws governing the use of auxiliaries. These verb forms will be studied in relation to their polysemous aspect. It is only when there is a second meaning that the relation of auxiliation² might be said to occur. Furthermore, some instances within this verb subclass involving the imperative mode are considered as semi-auxiliaries³. As far as the forms *yemken* and *yeqDer* are concerned, they have achieved an advanced level to become frozen structures.

KeyWords: Moroccan Arabic, polysemy, semi auxiliaries, verbs of movement

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