

Verb Classes According To Syntax - Semantic Interface

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ABSTRACT

Language is a system of communication by which structural grammatical functions serve to express contextual meanings, and therefore communication is realized through mutual connections of syntax, semantics and pragmatics. This hypothesis is stated prominently in theories of Van Lin, proposes a set of rules called "Linking algorithm" by which enables the connection between syntax and semantics.

This paper aims at exploring syntax, semantics and pragmatics interface based on the semantic representation of the verb. Hence much of this study will be focused on the lexical presentation of verbs. Levin (1983), in her study, undertakes a broader survey of these verbs in English, assuming that the interconnection of the verb phrase and the other element is determined by its meaning. What her theory means is that syntactic features are used to determine which semantic elements are respectively linguistic belonging and contribute to a deeper theoretical lexical knowledge which interrelates the meaning of the verb to the expressive argument.