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形式标记的元功能分析

摘要: Halliday, Thompson, Eggins, Downing and Locke等学者对气象过程(Meteorological process)中的it, 存在过程中的there, 被动语态的被动标记by以及感叹句中的what与how等没有概念意义的成分所进行的功能语法分析缺乏前后一致性, 没有标准可以遵循。本文通过深入分析试图阐明: (1) 这些形式标记的句法作用不可低估, 但它们没有实际概念意义, 在功能语法分析中不宜笼统地把它们划归其它功能成分; (2) 形式标记的功能语法分析是有规律可循的。

关键词: 形式标记; 元功能; 分析

Abstract: There is a lack of consistency and standard in the functional analyses by such scholars as Halliday, Thompson, Eggins, Downing and Locke of "it" in the Meteorological process, "there" in the Existential process, passive formal marker "by" in the passive voice, and what/how in the exclamatory clause, which have no ideational meaning. This paper presents an analysis and attempts to elucidate two points: (1) Such formal markers may not be included in other functional components in functional analysis because they have no actual ideational meaning although their syntactical significance can not be neglected; (2) Certain rules can be found for the functional analysis of such formal markers.

Key words: formal marker; metafunction; analysis

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