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PHONETIC MEANS OF SIGNALING «NEW» SUBJECT IN SPANISH

Abstract

The article deals with the means of signaling «new» subject in the Spanish utterance. The function of phrasal accent and its role in subject marking are under discussion. The «new» subject phonetic prominence accompanies its moving to phrasal-final position. At the same time phonetic prominence of the initial subject in Spanish has been registered. The article presents the results of three-step experiment with Mexican speakers of Spanish, including the analyses of their written translation, reading and non-prepared speech. The possibility of «new» subject phonetic prominence in non-final position is proved.

Keywords: «new» subject, phrasal accent, Mexican Spanish, experiment, phonetic prominence.

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