

Projection in English: The Environment of Quoting

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ABSTRACT

This article is a report on an investigation of quoting strategies in English, an investigation that is part of a longer-term research programme exploring clauses of “saying” and their quoted and reported content as direct and indirect speech by members of the SAL (Systemics Across Languages) Group. Here the focus is on how quotes are construed in discourse both explicitly and implicitly together with other human activities that may accompany processes of saying such as non-verbal communicative activities.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In this article, we are concerned with certain aspects of the grammatical strategies for quoting – for representing “direct speech” – and the immediate discourse environment in which constructions realizing these strategies appear. We will interpret the quotation of direct speech within the broader category of **projection**, introduced by Halliday (1977: 28, 64-66; 1985: Ch. 7) in his systemic functional descriptions. Projection cover both quoting and reporting – both direct and indirect speech and intermediate forms such as free indirect speech, and it covers not only speech but also thought. It is one of the two primary logico-semantic types identified by Halliday (1985, and elsewhere), the