

Complements of Adjectives: A Comparative Study

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ABSTRACT

In the present study, I have concentrated on the complements of adjectives. The internal structures of complements in the languages Dutch (a Germanic language), English (also a Germanic language) and Bangla (an Indo-Aryan language) are discussed. In this case, Broekhuis (2013) is mainly followed. The similarities and the differences among the constructions of the complements of adjectives are found out here. Besides, the nature of complementation is examined. Moreover, with reference to Dutch and English, prepositional phrases and the postpositional phrases of Bangla as complements of adjectives are shown.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The paper highlights the role of adpositional phrases as complements of adjectives in Dutch, English and Bangla. The aim of this research work is to cater a comparative study investigating the resemblances and the distinctions of the adpositional phrases which function as complements of adjectives. On the one hand, Dutch is an official language of Netherlands proper, Belgium, Suriname and others. English is used mainly in USA and UK and being international language, it is also used in other parts of the world. On the other hand, Bangla is an Eastern Indo-Aryan language spoken mainly in West