

## ADVERBIAL CONNECTOR USE IN PUBLISHED ACADEMIC RESEARCH ARTICLES OF TURKISH NNES WRITERS

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### ABSTRACT

The current study focuses on the usage of adverbial connectors (ACs) in two corpora compiled from the published research articles of academicians: Turkish Academic Corpus (TAC) consisting of the published journal articles of Turkish NNES scholars published in National and International Journals in Turkey and American Academic Corpus (AAC) consisting of the articles of NES scholars published in major international journals. The corpora consist approximately of 1.200.000 words for the TAC and 2.500.000 for the AAC. According to conjunctive roles additive, contrastive, summative, appositive, resultive and inferential ACs were chosen for the analyses. On the quantitative aspect of the study, the overuse and underuse of ACs in both corpora was examined in detail and a qualitative analysis was carried out to confirm the overuse and underuse of ACs to reveal the overall usage pattern of the two groups of writers. The results revealed significant differences in the use of ACs between NNES and NES scholars and overuse and underuse patterns for certain classes of ACs on part of Turkish NNES scholars.

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