

AN ELECTRONIC CORPUS OF WORD DEFINITIONS IN GREEK BY MONOLINGUAL AND BILINGUAL SPEAKERS

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ABSTRACT

This paper focuses on the construction of an electronic corpus of word definitions. It is an open electronic database, which includes more than 7000 word definitions produced in Greek, orally, by monolingual (L1 Greek) and bilingual speakers (L1 Turkish, L2 Greek). More specifically, it points out explicitly the main characteristics of this electronic corpus and, also, presents the sample that provided the word definitions. Furthermore, are analyzed the basic methodological principles and approaches that were applied, the planning of user interfaces is described as well as the users' access way since the ultimate goal is the creation of a complete electronic environment of searching and retrieving definitions by a database. Finally, this paper describes the usefulness of the electronic corpus of word definitions for each researcher while it also mentions how this electronic corpus of word definitions (henceforth eCoDe) will evolve in the future.

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