

Segnali discorsivi nel parlato: il caso di *diciamo* e *insomma*

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Abstract

Spoken and written language differ considerably at the various language levels they share (e.g., syntax, semantics, lexis, and text structure). This article discusses the role of two discourse markers in spoken language. The analysis shows how discourse in spoken language is organized and how various discourse markers contribute to this organization. The first part defines this class of words and briefly describes their functional properties. The subsequent parts of the article are dedicated to two discourse markers: *diciamo* and *insomma*. It is shown that, on the one hand, both of them deal with the same problems that are crucial for communication: Which words should one choose in order to be understood? However, on the other hand, each of the two discourse markers analyzed solves this problem differently, due to their semantic and syntactic differences.