IL PROFILO DI UN VERBO

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ABSTRACT

The elegance of some theoretically oriented studies of the valency of syntacti-cally or semantically determined verb classes is enhanced by the level of abstraction selected, and the limited number of linguistic realizations assigned to them. This publication, by contrast, tries to describe, as precisely as possible, the conditions of use of individual verbs. The occurrences, extracted from corpora, will be analyzed on the syntagmatic axis, using valency grids, and considering the valency-independ-ent context. The priority lies in finding out facts relevant to meaning. Verb profiles constructed in this way will have a more general claim to validity with regard to the habitual use of the verb within the linguistic community.