

LE NEOSEMIE NEL VOCABOLARIO ZINGARELLI: UN CONFRONTO
TRA LA DECIMA EDIZIONE DEL 1970 E LA RISTAMPA 2015 DELLA
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ABSTRACT

Among the publications that have as object of study the neologisms, only a few embrace the class of semantic neologisms, that De Mauro defines «neosemie» (De Mauro, 2006). This circumstance motivated us to study this type of neologism more closely, to the point that it has become the main topic of our doctoral thesis. In this essay, we will try to describe the theoretical schemes of our research and the results we obtained from the comparison of two editions of the Zingarelli vocabulary: the Tenth (published in 1970) and the Twelfth (reprinted in 2015). The analysis of this corpus has allowed us to generate a list of words containing neosemic meanings and to study and classify semantic changes that occurred in Italian language over a period of almost half a century.