

IL NOME *PAURA* NELL'ITALIANO D'USO

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a descriptive application in the Lexicon-Grammar of the Italian language of the name *paura* (fear), with the assumption that the process of fear involves:

- 1) a subject who is afraid: *Lia ha paura* (Lia is afraid);
- 2) the cause of fear that can have the function of indirect object, as in the example *Lia ha paura del temporale* (Lia is afraid of the storm), or of a grammatical subject: *Il temporale fa paura a Lia* (The storm causes fear to Lia).

Starting from the simple sentence *Lia ha paura* (Lia is afraid), constructions with the verb support *avere* (to have) and its variants were analyzed, to arrive at the constructions with the causative operator *fare* (to cause) and its variants.