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Een benadering

Abstract

Regional variation does not manifest itself in all language domains and subdomains to the same extent. For example, the variation is substantial in the subdomain of content words but small in the subdomain of derivation. The hypothesis is formulated that the differences in variation depend on the degrees of consciousness the language user has of these domains and subdomains. A low degree of consciousness implies a great amount of change and in consequence a great amount of variation, and the reverse. This hypothesis is provisionally checked for the different domains and subdomains: content words, phonology, semantics, morphology (inflection, derivation and composition) and syntax. At the end some attention is paid to social variation.