

BARE, EXPANDED PASSIVES AND OTHER SPECIAL TYPES: LANGUAGE USE AND DISCOURSE FUNCTION

The foregoing discussion presents the challenge of introducing the insights gained from an intense and systematic analysis of bare, expanded passives and other types in English discourse. We attempt to offer a comprehensive overview of the process of passivization and the use of passive types in present-day actual texts and examples, obtained from the International Corpus of English, in its British component (hereafter ICE-GB) and we try to explore the phenomenon of discourse with a view to examining the relation among syntax, register and discourse analysis following studies in the literature (D. BIBER ET AL 1999; T. GIVÓN 1993; M. HEWINGS 2006; R.HUDDLESTON and G. PULLUM 2002, and K.V. TIRUMALESH, 2000). It is our contention to identify and characterise these different types of structures other than the canonical be and get passives and point out their behaviour in both spoken and written texts because both speech and writing stand for communication, the major aim of language use. Suggestions are given on the reasons why certain constructions are used in particular cases. We shed light on conclusions resting on the assumption that every syntactic construction has a parallel discursive one.

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