Abstract

This diachronic-contrastive study focuses on the syntactic-semantic combinations of donde and PAR (Preposition + (Article) + Relative) structures in XVI-XVIII century Spanish of America and Spain. The linguistic parameters proposed are: i. semantic: Type and function of the antecedent (ANT), meaning of the relative form, type of verb in the main and subordinate clauses; and ii. syntactic: Presence or absence of preposition in ANT, syntactic category and function of ANT, syntactic function of the relative and type of relative construction. The results show that donde and PAR are not totally equivalent. Instead, the relative forms combine with others linguistic elements according to theirs semantic and syntactic characteristics.

Keywords

Donde, relative forms, historic syntax.