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Selected verbs of urging from a semantic perspective

Summary

The aim of the dissertation is to perform a semantic analysis of verbs that may be perceived as instances of urging someone to do something, along with an attempt to define them. The following lexical units were subjected to detailed analyses: *ktoś nakłonił kogoś, żeby_, ktoś namówił kogoś, żeby_, ktoś przekonał kogoś, żeby_, ktoś skłonił kogoś, żeby_, ktoś wymógł na kimś, żeby_, ktoś zmanipulował kogoś, ktoś zmotywował kogoś, żeby_* and *ktoś zdopingował kogoś, żeby_*.

Research presented in this thesis has been conducted in accordance with the rules of structural semantics. Its premises are presented in chapter one. The next chapter reviews the sources written to date on the verbs of urging. Chapter three specifies the linguistic units that are thoroughly examined in the further parts of the thesis. Semantic analyses of particular lexical units are presented in chapters four to seven.

After investigating the above issues, the conducted research is summarised. It has to be pointed out that, despite many similarities in meaning, there are no synonyms among the presented verbs. Although they all imply that the agent influenced someone to decide to do exactly what the agent wanted, they differ both in terms of the attitude of the recipient to the suggested activity and the measures undertaken by the agent to urge the recipient to behave in a certain way.