

An Investigation into Logico-Semantic Relations of Expansion in Congruent and Incongruent Expressions

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The system of expansion plays an important part in developing on the experiential meanings of clause through the elaboration, extension and enhancement of its meaning. This paper attempts to describe the logico-semantic relation of expansion in English and Vietnamese clause complexes in the light of Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL). Based on 200 samples containing the phenomenon of expansion in scientific texts, publicism texts and literary texts in English and Vietnamese, this paper uses descriptive, qualitative and quantitative methods to describe the processed data, interpret the analyzed data and find out the logico-semantic relation of expansion in English and Vietnamese clause complexes. By doing so, the paper points out the similarities and differences in the structure of the phenomenon of expansion in both languages and proposes the application of the phenomenon of expansion in language teaching to improve reading, writing and text construction skills.

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