

# Il congiuntivo nel parlato di giovani stranieri: uno studio su una popolazione di riferimento di parlanti di età compresa tra i 18 e i 30 anni

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## *Abstract*

*Frequency in the Selection of the Subjunctive in Italian Spoken by Foreigners: A case study on a target population of speakers aged between 18 and 30 years*

*The study examines the frequency of the subjunctive in a corpus composed of oral texts produced by foreign speakers aged between 18 and 30 years. The frequency is calculated considering only the points in the text where a verb can be used either in the indicative and subjunctive, without a change in meaning, in line with the trends of neo-standard Italian. Variations in the frequency of the subjunctive are also observed according to certain parameters: sentence type, verb structure in the subordinate clause, and syntactic distance between the verb in the subordinate clause and the subordinating conjunction.*

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