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The morphological behaviour of borrowings in Albanian colloquial speech and slang language

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Albanian spoken language offers a variety of grammatical features, which include changes in sentence construction, connections between simple and compound sentences, new types of word order, usages of reported and indirect speech, tense shifts within a phrase, fragmentation of dialogues, and use of words that disrupt the normative syntactic structure.

The impact of borrowings from other languages in Albanian is huge on most of the linguistic features mentioned above. Owing to their versatile nature, borrowings are mostly used in colloquial speech and slang. They adapt themselves when used in phrases and sentences, hence they undergo complete or partial changes following the rules of the Albanian language.

The article points out several linguistic characteristics to illustrate how borrowings behave during the process of adaptation from one language into another. The linguistic phenomenon mostly used to adapt borrowings into Albanian is word formation. For this purpose, a study has been conducted in which speech has been observed mainly in situations of daily usage of language involving conversational and slang styles.

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