

## Agglutinative words and locutions in the Albanian language: Morphological processes in word-formation (Similarities/dissimilarities and interrelations between them)

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### Abstract

Main objective of this study is to analyze the structure of agglutinative words and locutions, as two of the most interesting processes of word formation in the Albanian language. This analysis serves to detect both similarities and differences between them, in order to not confound them. In order to understand how they function and interact between each other, this study highlights the specifics of each morphological process and the criteria for defining them. The criteria that define word formation as a process (semantic criteria, morphological criteria, syntax criteria) are used to analyze both agglutination and locution. The structure of these words/phrases was taken into consideration.

Using the latest dictionaries of the Albanian language (1980 and 2006) and analyzing them based on the previous Albanian and foreign linguist work and the work of this study, we have concluded based on sound arguments that agglutination and locution are two active processes of word formation in the Albanian language, albeit not very productive. They exist separately and independently from each other. However, there is a tendency for locutions to be transformed into agglutinative words by the way of synthetic processes that merge the parts of locutions.

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