

The so-called *DA*-constructions in Macedonian (and the modal *MORA*)

The main subjects of interest are *da*-constructions with the modal *mora*, as inflected and as uninflected verb form. The possible so-called *da*-constructions, that follow the modal presenting epistemic inferential meaning, are numerous. *Mora* described as deontic modal is followed by *da*+present tense form, and as epistemic modal by variety of dependent tense construals (epistemic modal has an inferential meaning: (*Mora da*) *дошол*. (*Mora da*) *го има гледано*. (*Mora da*) *доаѓа*). The examples with *mora* as uninflected verb mark an inferential meaning of the proposition. At the same time, the proposition becomes less trustworthy than in the ones without *mora*. *Mora* described as deontic modal (that can be inflected), is followed by *da*-constructions with present tense (perfective/imperfective) construal, i.e. subjunctive constructions (*Mora da* *дојде*, *Mora da* *доаѓа*). Besides the cases with morpho-syntactic dependency (*mora da* *додам*), there are cases where *da* does not show dependency on verb (*mora da* *дошле*). However, in both cases *da* shows a prosodic dependency on the verb, not on the modal. I argue against analyzing Macedonian *mora+da* as one single unit even in the inferential readings. Besides morpho-syntactic independency in inferential contexts, *da* shows a prosodic dependency on the verb.

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