

# The Cognitive Analysis and of the Productive Orientation of Subject-predicate Constructions in Mandarin

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This study investigates and discusses the subject-predicate constructions in Mandarin, and tries to seek for several common features preliminarily, which is considered as a project with little hope of success by Fillmore et al. Based on the cognitive grammar, the paper analyzes the syntactic and semantic features of some main Chinese subject-predicate constructions, and presents the derived relations between them. Then, a relation network is built on the basis of the prototype theory and the interactional and derived model. We also discuss the different levels in dynamic meaning of the constructions. In the end, compared with English, the paper declares a theme orientation exists in the productive process of the subject-predicate constructions in Mandarin after the discussion about the clausal grounding elements.

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