DynaSAND

An on-line corpus of elicited speech and text for dialect syntactic research

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The Dynamic Syntactic Atlas of the Dutch dialects (DynaSAND) is an on-line tool for dialect syntax research. DynaSAND consists of a database, a search engine, a cartographic component and a bibliography.

- Search with interview locations
  This option gives you a list of all locations (with location codes) in which an interview was held.
- Search with test sentences
  With this option you get a list of all sentences (with sentence codes) that were tested in the interviews.
- Search for data
- Search for tags
- Search for lemmas
  Search interviews with one or more words, tags, lemmas, sentence code and location code.
- Search results
  Search in previously saved search results.
- Dialect Syntax Bibliography
- Maps
  Search in your personal map collection. The data on the basis of which the maps were drawn can be retrieved from the maps.
- Draw maps
  Geographic distribution of syntactic variables and their potential correlations.
DynaSAND contains (1):

(i) SAND-bibliography (1300 titles)

(ii) Written questionnaire (2000)
  • 368 informants
  • 321 locations (Netherlands and Belgium)
  • 424 test sentences
  • Elicitation tasks: translation, (relative) grammaticality judgements, meaning judgements, cloze tests
DynaSAND contains (2):

(iii) Oral questionnaire (2001-2002):
- 267 interviews (on average, 1 hour and 45 minutes)
- 267 locations (Netherlands, Belgium and France)
- More than 530 informants (min. 2 in each location);
- 160 test sentences (on average)
- Tasks: translation, (relative) grammaticality judgements, cloze tests, picture tasks
- Question – answer pairs accessible as (partly tagged) transcriptions linked with sound files
- For each location: 10 minutes of spontaneous dialect conversation (to be transcribed)
DynaSAND contains (3):

(iv) Telephone interviews (2003):
    • 252 interviews
    • 252 locations in The Netherlands and Belgium
    • 100 test sentences (on average)

Total:
515 MB
447 hours of speech
1,222,000 words
DynaSAND Search engine

Searches with
- Locations
- Test sentences
- Key words
- Strings (incl. words, wildcards, lemma’s)
- Tags
Output (i)
Output (ii)
European Dialect Syntax

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