The Speech Act of Promising in Jordanian Arabic

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This study is a pragmatic analysis of the realizations of the speech act of promising in Jordanian Arabic as spoken in the northern part of the country. This study is conducted within the general framework of the speech acts theory as developed by Austin (1962) and Searle (1969; 1979). It has been shown that Jordanians opt for either one or more of the following strategies when issuing their promises: discourse conditionals, tautological-like expressions, body-part expressions, self-aggrandizing expressions, time expressions, courtesy-like expressions, swearing expressions, adjacency pairs and false promises.

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