Le pronom quoi en emploi anaphorique résomptif

The French pronoun quoi in resumptive anaphoric use

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Abstract: This article focuses on the resumptive anaphoric use of the structure 'preposition + quoi', targeting the case of après quoi. It is based on a corpus composed of extracts from literary works dating from 2000 to 2020. In this configuration, quoi, which semantically corresponds to some unnamed, unclassified referent, represents a resumptive word that refers to a situation based on a predication of a previous utterance. Quoi can also refer to several situations in the form of several predicative units or several utterances. The antecedent of quoi can be delimited by using various clues: typographical (punctuation), morphosyntactic (discourse markers, verbal tense) or contextual.

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