

## **A corpus investigation of new *-adă* derivatives in contemporary Romanian**

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**Abstract:** The present paper looks at a productive suffix in contemporary Romanian, *-adă*, relying on a quantitative investigation of the corpus provided in Croitor (2021), which registers 47 new *-adă* derivatives having permeated journalese and the colloquial register. The paper shows that the suffix *-adă* in contemporary (colloquial) Romanian acts as a classifier, inducing two different interpretations: one which refers to a series of events, and a second one, which I will call the event interpretation. The distinction between the two interpretations mirrors the distinction operated on Greek numerical nouns in *-ada* between the SET interpretation and the HIGH number interpretation (Stavrou and Terzi 2008). The paper shows that *-adă* occupies the head of the Classifier Phrase and incorporates the noun by morphological merger (Matushansky 2006).

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