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Metadiscursive expressions containing the Portuguese verb dizer

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Abstract: As Pop states speech verbs are most likely to undergo pragmatization. In this migration towards the pragmatic domain of discourse they often acquire a metadiscursive function. From a pragmatic and enunciative point of view, we have analyzed the metadiscursive uses of the verb *dizer* 'to say' in several oral and written corpora. One verbal tense and two verbal modes are predominant: the present of the indicative, in the first person singular, *digo*, and the present of the subjunctive, in the first person plural, *digamos*. These verbal forms can have several meanings and functions, between discourse and metadiscourse, from reporting verbs to reformulation, autodialogism or modalization markers.

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