

Indirect report in Ancient Greek: a functional-typological perspective

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This paper investigates the encoding of indirect report in Ancient Greek from the perspective of the functional-typological approach to the study of language. The various complement constructions used with 'say' verbs are compared with the constructions generally attested for these verbs cross-linguistically. The functional differences between different constructions are discussed, also in light of the possible diachronic origin of these constructions. The issue of the meaning contribution of the complement construction and the main verb to the overall meaning of the sentence is also examined.