

## ANALYTIC VERB FORMS OR SYNTACTIC CONSTRUCTIONS

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This paper addresses the challenge of distinguishing analytic wordforms within the verb paradigm from syntactic groups (phrases) based solely on formal criteria. The syntactic and morphological properties of verb phrases containing auxiliary verbs are examined with the aim of establishing clear formal criteria for classifying them either as part of the verb paradigm or as free word combinations (simple groups). As a result of this analysis, a coherent formal definition of analytic verb forms is proposed. Additionally, a part of the study is devoted to examining the inconsistencies in normative rules arising from the current interpretation of analytic verb forms.

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