

## Two types of peripheral adjunct WHATs [論二種邊緣附加語「什麼」]

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### Abstract

This study investigates two types of adjunct WHATs merged at peripheral positions in Chinese. The L-WHAT is merged within VP and denotes a why-interpretation with an aggressive, prohibitive force. The H-WHAT is merged at the left periphery of a sentence and is exclusively used in expressing a speaker's refutatory force without interrogativity. The two WHATs are encoded with different modalities: the L-WHAT with root modality while the H-WHAT with epistemic modality. It is proposed that the interpretations of the two types of WHATs are compositionally derived from the modality and speaker force. This study not only explores the origins of different interpretations of adjunct WHATs, but also advances a uniform approach in mapping the speaker force onto syntax.

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**關鍵詞：**附加語「什麼」、表原因的「什麼」、表「為什麼」的「什麼」、表反駁的「什麼」、否定疑問詞、說話者語勢

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