

## PHILOLOGY

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### **Predicative pragmatic markers in the XVI century play text sentences**

It is considered pragmatic markers, modal-predicative phrases, such as *I trust, I think, I pray, I see, I say*, etc. The linguistic material is taken from Nicholas Udall play “Ralph Roister Doister”, that was written in 1553. The functioning of the markers as main and parenthetic clauses in sentences of different communicative types is shown. The discussion consists of the author’s approach to arranging the markers in the sentences, using the stylistic tools while building the markers (the choice of grammatical forms of the main components, nouns and verbs, the peculiarities of word order, the tendencies in changing number of words), combining predicative and non-predicative markers in one and the same construction. The variety of the structures and some of their lexical and grammatical characteristics that are considered to be the source of the variety are discussed.

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