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1. In Dutch, the posture-verb construction with *en(de)* as a connector is independent of the posture-verb construction with *te* as a connector. (This dissertation)
2. The Dutch posture-verb construction with *en(de)* as a connector generally has a biclausal structure. (This dissertation)
3. The Dutch posture-verb construction with *te* as a connector replaced the older construction with *en(de)* in the 17th century. (This dissertation)
4. The German pseudo-coordinate structure with posture verbs is not a grammaticalized progressive construction. (This dissertation)
5. In comparing Dutch and German, it becomes evident that even closely related languages may differ considerably in the extent to which a certain linguistic form is grammaticalized.
6. Collaboration between corpus linguistics and grammaticalization theory benefits both sides, with the former providing the data and the latter conferring explanatory power.
7. Technical developments in the field of Dutch corpus linguistics have opened up the possibility to examine historical data from a quantitative perspective.
8. A thorough investigation of historical data is crucial for gaining an accurate understanding of a language.
9. Historical texts deserve proper protection so that they survive into the future.
10. The PhD journey is adventurous and tough, but also enjoyable, with all the people who travel with you and support you.