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*THE TENSION BETWEEN LANGUAGE PRACTICE AND CODIFICATION*

*(variation of abstract noun plural forms)*

*The study of the language intuition of students's small group traces out contradictory evaluation towards abstract noun plural forms; some of them are expected whereas others are unusual (wrong or stylistically marked). Their manifestation frequency indicates a tendency in media and everyday speech. Certainly, the experiment made is only a pilot investigation without statistic value, but it is a way to trace out the problems after changes in language practice and its reflection in dictionaries.*

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