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Definition and main features of business English with a special regard to differences with the language of economics

Although English for Specific Purposes has now a consolidated role in language teaching and specialized discourse has been analysed by many scholars, Business English still has some definition problems. In my article I try to provide the reader with an overview of the studies in this field, by identifying the main features of Business Discourse/Business English (BD/BE) based on previous studies. I also try to identify similarities and differences between Economic Discourse/English for Economics (ED/EE) and BD/BE by starting from the premise that economics and business are two related but different disciplines.