

A Study of making prostheses in discourse: why does narrative lie make prostheses?

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To explain how lie functions as prosthesis, a definition of prosthesis and its function in the domain of discourse is required. According to Eco's theory of prosthesis and its function in discourse, it can be shown that lie as a discourse type has common characteristics with prosthesis. This article examines how discourse functions as prosthesis, and as a result, lie as a prosthesis takes discourse out of its mainstream and creates an event and imaginary space which is meta-action. Accordingly, these concepts were considered in this study. A discourse with the use of lie can change the horizontal system of a story to a vertical system, and consequently, the action plan can change into a meta-action one. This survey has been done in three folk tales: *The Crow and Fox*, *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* and *The Milk Seller Girl and Milk Jug*.

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