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Summary

The paper offers a cognitive interpretation of the phenomenon of ellipsis, according to the model elaborated by Ronald W. Langacker. The cognitive approach is confronted with selected proposals formulated by Polish linguists who represent different methodological frameworks, and the discussion concerning the grammatical status of expressions such as "wokół" '(all) around'; "blisko" 'near, close to'; "dookoła" 'around'; "obok" 'by'; "nieopodal" 'nearby' provides illustrative material. The expressions in question seem to have an unequivocal status: they are described as prepositions, prepositional adverbs, or else adverbs with atypical functional characteristics. What is more, it is not entirely clear whether wokół represents a single unit of language or homonymous lexical items.

My contribution refers to the ongoing debate concerning the functional and syntactic properties of chosen classes of lexemes, as well as the criteria employed when distinguishing language units. The semantic and syntactic analysis carried out in the paper attempts to demonstrate the usefulness of Langacker's theoretical approach in Polish language studies, and to defend the view that R. W. Langacker's model of cognitive grammar may shed new light on the issue of recognizing ellipsis and zero anaphora in utterances. Moreover, it enables us to deepen our understanding of meaning – form correlation and of iconicity in syntax.