

This bachelor thesis deals with four periphrastic expressions that can express the future in the Finnish language. In certain cases they can substitute the common use of the present which is useful especially in such sentences where it is not apparent whether the verb in the present form refers to the present or to the future. In this study, I first wanted to find out how these periphrastic verbal expressions are used in Finnish. I also wanted to answer the question under what conditions these expressions can be used or what it is that limits their use. In addition, I used a parallel multilingual corpus to find out how the use of the periphrastic expressions with future meaning differs in the translation language, in other words how the way to express the future in other languages influences Finnish.