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Sommario/riassunto

The author describes and explains the syntactic and pragmatic properties of the nominal and pronominal elements in sentences of the types *Ces Romains ils sont fous* and *Ils sont fous, ces Romains*, which, in spite of their frequent occurrence, have so far received little attention among linguists and grammarians. He argues that far from having the marginal status of a linguistic anomaly, the cooccurrence in the same clause of coreferential nouns and pronouns is one formal manifestation of an important functional principle in modern French: the encoding of a topic-comment relationship