Abstract

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Title: "Structural and Semantic Features of Abbreviations in Computer Discourse".

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Topical Importance: Currently, we can increasingly observe the process of changing everyday language under the influence of the Internet language. Moreover, feeling the urgent need to systematize and classify the most commonly used English acronyms in the Internet language, as a sphere that helps to ensure a high level of mutual understanding and cooperation in all areas of the global community, we intend to conduct a structural analysis and research on this topic.

Goal: The goal of the research consists in study of the features of online discourse, in particular the features of abbreviations.

Tasks: There are a number of tasks one should accomplish to achieve the above set goal:

1) Consider the basic concepts and approaches to the study of discourse;

2) Consider the main features of the Internet discourse as a whole and its distinctive features on different Internet platforms – blogs, chat rooms, forums;

3) Analyze Internet platforms for communication with their speech features.

Theoretical value: The theoretical significance of the work consists in the fact that its main provisions and results contribute to the development of problems in the field of word formation and the syntax of the English language.

Practical applicability: The practical significance of the results and factual material of the study can be used in the teaching of theoretical courses and practical classes in the disciplines of "Linguistics", "Practical grammar" and "Stylistics" of the English language, as well as in translation activities.

Results: In this paper, we conducted a study of currently relevant features of speech, which can be observed on the global Internet. These features represent perhaps the most popular means of communications in the modern world, exerting an increasing influence on many aspects of human life, including the language. The actual base of the study was the language material extracted from the texts of English-language Internet platforms. In a study conducted by us based on the methods of word-formation, it was revealed that abbreviations imply the use of linguistic means with both subject-logical content and expressive qualities. Expressiveness can be included in the semantic structure of a word or created by word-building means.

Implementation advice: The results of the study can be useful for the teaching of theoretical courses and practical classes in the disciplines of "Linguistics", "Practical grammar" and "Stylistics" of the English language, as well as for translation activities.