

SUMMARY

Research topic: Neologisms as a constituent part of modern German lexicon

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Topicality of the research is in the fact that modern period is characterized by intensive development and changes of social, political and scientific spheres of human life. They are accompanied by the changes in the German language which reflect objective reality. What is more, outside reality is cognized and registered through language, and thus we need to be aware of modern language resources in order to perceive modern realities of our existence adequately. Effective communication is impossible without knowledge of modern trends and tendencies in various aspects of human activity that are immediately reflected in the language on their appearance.

Objective of the present work is to investigate the neologisms that appeared at the end of the 20th century and the beginning of 21st century in lexical system of the modern German language and reveal the major trends and tendencies taking place within the processes of new words formation and distribution. Our data mainly come from two dictionaries of neologisms and a website.

Research objectives are as follows:

1. Provide general introduction to the notion of neologism, including definitions offered by different linguistic schools and their representatives;
2. Make classification of new lexical units;

3. Define characteristic features of new words lexicographical treatment;
4. Define and study the types of word building inherent in neologisms; to investigate the most dominant word building type and study distribution of other characteristics of the collected new lexemes;
5. Carry out the structural - semantic analysis of neologisms describing the themes “family”, “science and technics”, “medicine”.

Theoretical significance of the qualification paper consists in exploration of neologisms and their lexicographical treatment in the German language. Suffice it to say that in the course of the research structural specialties of two latest dictionaries of neologisms are identified.

Practical significance of the research is in the possibility of its further usage in teaching and the following deeper investigation of types of word building inherent in neologisms.

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