

Summary

Subject Matter: Lexical and Grammatical Functions of Spatial and Temporal Prepositions in Cognitive-Linguistic Aspect

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Topicality of research is determined by the fact that it is dedicated to the little-studied problem of semantics - the issue of meanings and functions of spatial and temporal prepositions in cognitive-linguistic aspect.

Objective of the research: to determine the characteristics of the spatial and temporal perception of the world by German native speakers (compared with the Russian language) by describing and comparing lexical and grammatical functions of spatial and temporal prepositions in both languages in the cognitive-linguistic aspect.

The tasks of the research:

1. To study the theoretical material on prepositions presented in the works of well-known domestic and foreign linguists;
2. Create a comprehensive description of the cases and methods of use of the spatial and temporal prepositions;
3. To investigate the multidimensional nature of spatial and temporal prepositions in cognitive-linguistic aspect;
4. Determine the function of the spatial and temporal prepositions.

Theoretical significance of the proficiency paper is to try to organize and classify the prepositions of time and space in order to facilitate their understanding and use in language and speech. The results of the research and the findings of this study may serve as a basis for further study of the role of prepositions in conveying the sense of communication in the German language.

Practical significance of the proficiency paper: The practical results of this study will be issued as an Annex drawn up in the form of illustrative material, demonstrating a wide range of meanings of the preposition "on" and options for

translation into German. This material could be useful not only for students, but for everyone, it could expand the common scope of knowledge of the German language and eliminate difficulties in communicating with representatives of German culture in the process of intercultural contacts. It can be used in scientific, educational and pedagogical process by students, graduates and young scientists.

The results of the research: In a study conducted by us, we carried out a comprehensive analysis of the spatial and temporal ways of conceptualizing objects speakers of different languages and determined the features of the spatial and temporal perception, interpreted in the linguistic meanings of prepositions. We provided theoretical information about the spatial and temporal prepositions, gave several definitions of prepositions for comparison in order to understand what functions and meanings of prepositions scientists distinguish and to what they pay special attention in their study. We also identified a particular spatial and temporal perception of the world by German native speakers.

Spatial and temporal functions of prepositions depend on how space and time are understood and perceived by native speakers, what the picture of the world of native speakers is. In other words, the spatial and temporal orientation system is not the same in different languages, and it leads to distortions and errors in the speech and in the translation of prepositional phrases from Russian into German and vice versa. The difficulty lies in the fact that meanings of prepositions are rather abstract, so it is recommended to learners of German to remember where and when this or that preposition is used, without leaving attempts to systematize the available information. A deeper understanding of the spatial and temporal features of prepositions will be formed later, following the so-called linguistic intuition and practice of using the language in everyday life.