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**"LINGUISTIC FEATURES OF THE INTERNET COMMUNICATION**  
**OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING BLOGGERS"**

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**The relevance of the present final qualification work** is caused by the need of the study and complex description of the blogosphere as one of the areas of communicative Internet space, detection of the socio-pragmalinguistic situations of communication of the bloggers considered as a special type of the identity of the participant of the network discourse, establishment of the specific genres of blogs (network diaries) and systematization of the language means used in blogs.

**The subject of the present research** is the English language blogs considered as texts of computer-mediated communication realized on the Internet.

**The object of the research** is the linguistic and sociocultural characteristics of the blog as a unit intended for network communication, as well as the motives and situations of communication of the bloggers considered as a special type of the identity of the participant of a network discourse act.

The corpus of English-language blogs containing 110 subcorpora served as **the material of the research**. A transcript of one blog corresponds to each subcorpus. On average each subcorpus contains about 4 500 words. The biggest on volume subcorpus contains 9 864 words, and the smallest – 1 099.

This corpus is collected by means of the website globeofblogs.com which served as the index for the determination of the location of blogs. Using the information about the location of the author provided by this Website we selected 15 blogs with the addresses in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and also 5 blogs from each state of the USA.

**The theoretical basis of the research** was made by the works and scientific concepts of the domestic and foreign scientists connected with the researches of the problems of Internet communication, the theory of communication, linguistics of the text, theory of the discourse, study of genres and also the interdisciplinary researches conducted within linguo- and sociopragmatics, corpus and media linguistics and which are on intersection of linguistics with linguoculturology, sociology and psychology.

**The aim of the research** is the complex investigation and the system description of the features of speech activity of English-speaking bloggers.

According to the goal the following **research tasks** were put forward:

- to compare the real and virtual (computer-mediated) communication according to social and cultural characteristics, to select the main features of the communication in the virtual communicative space;
- to study the influence of the features of the virtual communication on the speech activities of its participants;
- to describe the linguo-sociopragmatic specifics of the speech activities of English-speaking bloggers.

The systemacity, anthropocentrism and determinism appear to be the general scientific **methodological principles** of this research. According to the general philosophical principles language is understood as a material, objective, dynamic and developing system they basic function of which is communication.

**The main method of the research** is the descriptive one including observation, comparison, generalization and logic-semantic interpretation of the retrieved data.

**The scientific novelty of this work** is determined by the fact that in it:

- the systematic comprehensive description of the socio-cultural and linguistic characteristics of the speech activities of English-speaking bloggers is reached;
- the systematic description of the communicative roles of English-speaking bloggers fulfilled on the basis of the undertaken analysis is provided.

**The theoretical significance of the work** consists in the complex research of the object disclosing motives of blogging, its cognitive mechanisms and peculiarities of functioning in the computer-mediated communication. As a result of the conducted research the comprehensive description of the genre of the blog as a new syncretic form of interpersonal communication specific to the network discourse is reached. Besides, this research makes a certain contribution to the development of media and case linguistics.

**The practical value of the research** is that the interdisciplinary approach used in it and the complex analysis can be extrapolated to the study of other genres of the discourse of Internet communication and for the development of new research techniques. The results of the research can find their application in the courses of lectures of the theory of cross-cultural communication, linguostylistic interpretation of the text. Certain parts of the paper can be used in teaching the theory of foreign languages (theoretical and communicative grammar, lexicology, stylistics), general linguistics and semiotics, for the creation of educational and methodical recommendations, when writing term and final qualification papers for getting a bachelor or master degree in "Linguistics".

**The structure of this final qualification paper** is determined by the aim and research tasks. Compositionally it consists of the introduction, two chapters, the conclusion, the bibliography, the list of sources of examples and 2 addenda.

In **the Introduction** the relevance of the selected subject is marked, its relevance is reasoned, the choice of the subject and object of the research is grounded, the methodological bases of the study are specified. Besides, the scientific novelty, the theoretical and practical significance of the research are revealed, the basic principles of the selection of the researched material, the methodology and methods of its description are marked, the paper composition is viewed.

In **Chapter 1** the analytical review of the achievements of the humanitarian disciplines in the study of interpersonal communication is provided, the concepts of real and virtual communication are differentiated and the relevance of the study of the texts used in the virtual communication is grounded. In the first section of the head along with differentiation of concepts of real communication and real interpersonal communication

the main cultural and historical events connected to origin of the virtual communicative space defining specifics of the computer mediated communication are marked.

In **Chapter 2** the issues of the social-cultural specifics of the virtual communication, motives and needs for communication of bloggers as participants of the computer mediated communication in the environment of which the blog genre functions are considered. Also the emphasis is placed on the detection of the social-group features of speech behavior of English-speaking bloggers that allowed to provide the description of their main communicative roles.

In **the Conclusion** the results are summed up and the outputs concerning theoretical and practical parts of operation are formulated.

**The Bibliography** represents the list of scientific works of the domestic and foreign authors belonging to the scope of the present research and used in the course of its fulfillment and also the list of reference books and Internet resources.

The list of Internet addresses of English-language blogs the materials of which are cited in the text of the paper is provided in **the List of sources of examples**.

The classification of blogs by different parameters provided in the schematical form and the chart of distribution of age of the users of the blogging platform LiveJournal are given in **the Addenda**.