

Abstract

Graduation Level of Proficiency Paper

Title: Linguistic parameters of the fiction characters of the detective genre (on the material of English texts).

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Topical Importance: This diploma paper is devoted to the study of the linguistic representation of the obligatory and optional characters of the detective genre in the English language. This topic is rather interesting and actual, because the genre of criminal stories and novels is very popular among common readers, but it has not been studied thoroughly so far, so it deserves studying. Detailed study of the main characters and their linguistic peculiarities was made on the material of the popular writers of the XIX – XXI centuries – Dan Brown, C. Doyle, William Hjortsberg and others.

Goals: The main goal of the diploma paper is to study the number of obligatory characters of the detective genre – the detective, the murderer, the assistant, the witness and the victim – and description of their cognitive base.

Tasks: basing on the study of the literary works of the detective genre of the English language to analyze the role nominations of characters in order to find out the general principles of structuring of the literary work of the detective genre.

Theoretical value and practical applicability: We offer a methodology of complex systematic description of the characters of the detective stories and novels from the point of view of their role in the English literary criminal works. The results of the diploma paper can be applied in different spheres of language study – linguistics, discourse analysis, theory of communication, structural theory of the text, semiotics.

Results: We can distinguish between several role nominations of the characters of the detective genre who obligatory postulate themselves in any detective or criminal work of literature, consciously or subconsciously. Thus, we differentiate between the detective, the murderer, the assistant, the witness and the victim. Each of them has his own cognitive structure and is supposed to fulfill a certain function in the work of the detective genre.

Implementation advice: the theoretical material of the diploma thesis can be applied while studying or teaching different courses of literature, cognitive linguistics, discourse analysis, theory of communication, structural theory of the text, semiotics.