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Topical Importance: This thesis deals with the cognitive and semantic analysis of one of the basic parametrical lexeme deep in the English language. Significant attention is devoted to finding out central (nuclear) and peripheral meanings of the nominative unit deep basing on its contextual usage in modern literature texts.

Goals. The main goal of the work is to give a complex description of the nomination peculiarities of the parametrical indicative word deep with the thorough study of semantic extension of this lexeme from the minimal semantic shift to metaphorical usage.

Tasks: In order to accomplish this goal the following tasks should be mentioned:

- to give the main description of adjectives, paying a special attention to parametrical adjectives;
- to present all the semantic representations of the nominative lexeme deep according to modern dictionaries;

- to find out and describe nuclear and peripheral meanings of the parametrical indicative word deep on the material of modern literature texts and publicistic articles.

Theoretical value and practical applicability: Theoretical value lies in making a contribution to studying one of the basic parametrical adjectives and its representation in the English language. Practical applicability consists in using the results of the research in teaching theoretical courses of lexicology, cognitive linguistics, stylistics, and also at practical lessons.

Results: Thorough analysis of the lexicographical sources, etymological dictionaries and contextual usage of the parametrical nominative unit deep, opens a possibility of constructing its mental map, reflecting major (nuclear) and peripheral meanings. It was found out that the nuclear meaning of the adjective deep is connected with the physical (parametrical) qualities of objects. It points out the extension of the object downward, inward or backward. Peripheral meanings concern emotional or psychological state of individuals, seriousness or importance of people, objects or problems, mental abilities, characterize voice, taste, breathing, etc. Semantic derivation allows this lexeme to penetrate into different spheres of life – science, technology, computers, sports, music, ecology and others.

Implementation advice: the theoretical material of the thesis can be applied while studying or teaching courses on lexicology, cognitive linguistics, stylistics.