

Abstract

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Abstract: The research work is dedicated to the comparative study of folk beliefs with the names of plants and animals in the English and Russian languages.

The subject of the research work is national – specific features of superstitious folk beliefs with names of plants and animals in the English and Russian languages.

The aim of this work is to study the folk beliefs, their classification, to analyze and describe general and specific features of folk beliefs in the English and Russian languages.

The main objectives of this research are:

- to analyze the existing scientific literature on the considered subject matter;
- to identify the corpus of folk beliefs with the names of plants and animals in the paremiological fund of the Russian and English languages;
- to identify the universal and ethno-cultural in Russian and English folk beliefs, containing the names of plants and animals in order to discover the ethno- specific features.

In accordance with the theoretical and methodological bases of the research work, we used the following methods: descriptive method (observation and classification of empirical material); the comparative – typological method; the contrastive – descriptive method, based on identifying similarities and differences between study

units; the analysis of existing base of sources on the considered subject matter (a method of the scientific analysis).

The theoretical and practical significance of the work lies in the developing of the system of ethno- specific features of English and Russian superstitious folk beliefs with the names of plants and animals, and the possibility to use the results for the applied purposes – in teaching English and Russian languages, as part of the study course for linguists, and in the dictionaries of folk beliefs and superstitions.

In the introduction we justify the importance of the research, state the object, the purpose of the study, reveal methodological framework, and define scientific novelty and practical value of our research.

In the first chapter, we consider some theoretical questions connected with the folk beliefs, their classification in the English and Russian languages.

In the second chapter we turn to study English and Russian superstitious folk beliefs with the names of plants and animals; classify them into subgroups and give the description of their ethno-specific features.

In conclusion we summarize the main results of our research.

Bibliographic list consists of 83 titles in the English and Russian languages. The total amount of qualifying work done is 65 pages.