

ABSTRACT

Title: Variability of diminutive suffixes in in the Iberian and American Spanish versions

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Topical Importance: the topical importance is determined by the necessity of developing a systematic approach to the main issues of word formation in Spanish.

Goals: The purpose of this research is to study the variability of the values of diminutive suffixes of Spanish in the Iberian and American habitats.

Tasks:

- 1) to examine some theoretical aspects of derivation to establish a linguistic status of diminutive suffixes in Spanish;
- 2) to describe semantic particularities of diminutive suffixes of Spanish;
- 3) explore the emotional and expressive color evaluation of diminutive suffixes;
- 4) compare the variability of values of different diminutive suffixes in Hispanic habitats .

Theoretical value and practical applicability: Theoretical value consists in that the results can serve as a base for the further study of the functioning of word formation, the study of word-formation mechanism of the Spanish language and can facilitate the identification of trends in the development of formative language.

The practical value of the study is that its results can be used in the practice of teaching sections of courses in Spanish: "Lexicology", "Theoretical Grammar", "Stylistics"..

Results: 170 examples from literature had been analyzed. We had compared and the values of diminutive suffixes in five Hispanic habitats and found out the variability in their use.