

**Abstract**  
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**Title:** Lingvo-Pragmatical Features of Informal Communication on the Internet  
(based on the material of English chat rooms and forums)

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**Topical Importance:** The novelty of the phenomenon, the undeveloped state of the status of computer communication and a lack of theoretical assumptions about its structure and language features are responsible for the incessant interest of psychologists, sociologists, philosophers and linguists to this phenomenon, as well as the relevance of the study, which is determined by the need to describe the computer communication as an important component of virtual discourse as well as the need for a comprehensive study of the linguistic features of the virtual communication space.

**Goals:** to identify linguistic features of informal communication on the Internet.

**Tasks:** examine the theoretical basis of the linguistic specificity of communication on the Internet; to determine the specifics of informal communication on the Internet; identify the linguistic and pragmatic features of informal Internet-communication.

**Theoretical value and practical applicability:** The practical significance of the thesis is determined by the fact that the implemented in this paper approach to the study of Internet communication can be applied in the study of other forms of electronic communication (computer conferencing, instant messaging (ICQ to), e-mail messages (e-mail, SMS-messages)), for thematic glossaries and dictionaries, as well as special courses on linguistics, language theory, theory and practice of intercultural communication.

**Results:** Conducted in this study analysis revealed that in the writing-chat printed form affects not only its phatic (aimed at establishing and maintaining contact) character, but also a high rate at which printed replicas and spontaneity.

**Implementation advice:** to use this research in the study of other forms of electronic communication (computer conferencing, instant messaging (ICQ to), e-mail messages (e-mail, SMS-messages)), for thematic glossaries and dictionaries, as well as special courses on linguistics, language theory, theory and practice of intercultural communication.