

Summary

Subject of the research: Secondary function of the utterance with modal verbs in German and English.

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Subject Matter: modeless definitions of modal verbs

Topicality of research is determined by the need of research of category of modality, specification of modal definitions' classification, modeless definitions of modal predicates.

Objective of the research is identification and description of the modeless lexical definitions of modal verbs as part of utterance in German and English.

The tasks of the research:

1. to analyze definition and extension of category of modality in modern linguistic;
2. to consider semantic-syntactical peculiarities of modal verbs in German and English;
3. to trace the development of secondary function of modal verbs;
4. to study duality of modal verbs' semantics;
5. to analyze modal verbs in German and English as means of expression of evidentiality and future.

Theoretical significance of the proficiency paper consist of system description of modeless grammatical definitions of modal verbs. It can give new notion about semantic-syntactical peculiarities of modal verbs.

Practical significance of the proficiency paper is that its provisions can be used for reading the special courses on the theory of language, in the preparation of lectures and seminars on German and English, in the practical trainings in the German and English, in teaching of translation and translation practice.

The results of the research:

Modal verbs in German and English are the main means of expression of modality. They form special group with its lexical and grammatical features. Research has shown that modal verbs can lose the primary modal function and get modeless lexical and grammatical meanings, such as, to act as means of expression of category of an evidentiality, future, etc.