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на тему: The role of corpus-based study in euphemia

The topic of the present graduation paper is the corpus-based study of English euphemisms, pertaining to different semantic spheres.

The aim is to substantiate the appropriateness of application of the corpus linguistics method in the study of euphemisms and to demonstrate the way to use it.

The novelty consists in the fact that euphemistic units, mostly from unexplored semantic spheres, have been analysed with the help of the corpora. The method of corpus linguistics enables a researcher to observe linguistic items in the natural language environment, in other words in authentic contexts.

The objective of the paper conditions the application of the following linguistic research methods:

* The conceptual method in describing the euphemisms;
* The corpus method for the understanding of functions of euphemisms in modern English;
* The method of contextual analysis.

The paper is comprised of two chapters. The first chapter presents theoretical background for the research. The second chapter demonstrates the way corpus analysis may be employed to examine the semantic and pragmatic properties of euphemisms.

It has been found that this method gives an opportunity to determine the euphemistic potential of words and word combinations, to detect changes in their semantic structure and pragmatic characteristics. Besides, it can be used to analyse the frequency of use of euphemisms and their distribution through genres.

These findings prove the efficiency of the corpus-based method in the study of euphemisms.

*Key words:*

*euphemism; euphemistic potential; corpus linguistics; pragmatic meaning; connotative meaning.*

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