

SEMANTIC FIELD OF SPORTS VOCABULARY IN MODERN ENGLISH

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Annotation: *As is known, in modern linguistics, the concept of a semantic field has been formed as a set of linguistic means united by the unity of meaning and function. The question of the definition of the linguistic term "field" correlates with a different understanding of the grounds for the allocation of the field. Most researchers see two factors as the basis for the identification of fields identified primarily in the vocabulary of a language: extralinguistic and linguistic proper.*

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The first foundation is connected with the logical, conceptual categories underlying the classification of vocabulary. The first groupings of words into logical categories without the use of the term "field" (before the emergence of the theory of semantic fields) were presented in ideographic dictionaries based on the material of the English language [4].

The formation of the concept of the field in linguistics, correlated with the extralinguistic approach to its isolation, was influenced, as A.A. Ufimtseva notes, by the revival in the 20th 30s of the XX century of V. Humboldt's ideas about the "Internal form of language". A prominent representative of neo-Columbianism, L. Weisgerber, believed that the main discipline in the science of language should be "the doctrine of concepts" instead of the science of the meanings of words since language is an "intellectual form of the world" [2, p.20]. The same approach is reflected in the works of I. Trier is related to the study of the conceptual content of language, "conceptual fields", which are an extensive system of concepts organized around a central concept and forming their own smaller conceptual fields [5].

Criticizing schemes of this type, researchers note their various disadvantages: 1) the systematization of vocabulary with the help of logical concepts both simplifies the real linguistic picture and does not take into account the complex historical processes of forming the words of the composition of the language; 2) such universal systems give very little idea of the true nature of the vocabulary system at the level of the entire language [2, p.20].

Thus, the whole course of development of the theory of semantic fields leads researchers to the idea of the predominance of the linguistic approach in identifying the grounds for isolating fields over the extralinguistic one. But the extralinguistic factor is taken into account since the meaning of the word underlying the allocation of fields

necessarily correlates with the realities of reality and the phenomena of social life, and human experience.

The differentiation of the types of linguistic fields goes not only along the line of taking into account linguistic and extralinguistic factors but also taking into account the "ambiguity" of the linguistic factor itself. Firstly, the "ambiguity" of the linguistic factor implies taking into account the structure of the meaning of the classified words, their grammatical formality, the function of language signs, and some other phenomena; secondly, taking into account the structural factor in the formation of fields, their complexity (identification of micro and macro fields), taking into account various semantic correlations between the components of the field.

The extralinguistic approach is based on the type of fields classified in linguistics as thematic groups. Groups of words denoting a certain subject area are usually recognized as thematic groups, that is, elements of such groups are united by a denotative community. Examples of such fields can be the names of sports, sports equipment, tools, etc., for example, sport, winner, loser, champion, football, basketball, a ball, a barbell, or a hoop. The concept of a "semantic field" is used concerning a set of lexical means combined according to the principle of semantic generality. Semantic generality is understood as a semantic feature common to all units included in the field [1, p.10], a fixed similarity in some semantic layer, a common (invariant) feature in combination with a communicative or structural function [3, p.102-103].

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