

Abstract

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Title: Cognitive and semantic parameters of the English collective and mass nouns

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Topical Importance: The importance of the research is determined by the instability in the usage of mass and collective nouns in English because of their complex semantic structure. The implementation of the complex analysis to the category of number and the introduction of the cognitive semantic method of analysis gives a more precise description of these groups of nouns.

Goals: The main goal of the research is to define the specific features of the grammatical category of number, to describe the interrelation between the categories of plurality and number and to give a more detail description of the semantics of mass and collective nouns.

Tasks: to analyze the function of these groups in English; to give a complete description of their semantic structure; to enumerate means of expressing plurality in English.

Theoretical value and practical applicability of this research consist in giving systemic description of the collective and mass nouns based on cognitive-semantic approach; to analyze possible ways in teaching these topics during English language practice.

Results: The results of the research include the detailed analysis of mass and collective nouns in English with the description of their cognitive and semantic parameters.