Summary

**Subject Matter:** Metaphor as a means of forming new meanings on basis of existing lexical units.

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**Topicality of the research:** the problem of metaphorical forming of new word-meanings is of great interest for linguists, especially for lexicologists and specialists in the field of semantics and stylistics.

**Objectives of the research:** exploring the mechanism and forms of metaphorical changes in the meaning of words both in the dictionary and in texts.

**The tasks of the research:**
- to analyze the linguistic mechanism of metaphorical change in word-meaning;
- to reveal the extralinguistic factors of building metaphorically marked lexical units;
- to characterize the semantic, word-building and stylistic features of metaphors;
- to study the lexical units that appear most of all as a basis for comparison.

**The theoretical significance of the research** consists in further understanding of the process of changing the meaning of words.

**The practical significance of the research** consists in the possibility for students to use the results of the investigation in preparing for seminars in lexicology, stylistics and by text analysis.

**The results of the research** are summed up in the Conclusion of the paper. The main conclusion is that the most important basis for forming words with new metaphoric meaning, that is having features in common for comparison, form nouns which belong to the topical groups "animate beings and items of inanimate nature, people and plants and animals, some functions and their appliance".

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