Summary

Subject matter: Linking elements in compound words and their impact on the semantics.

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Topicality of the research: This topic is one of the most contentious and controversial in Germanistics, in spite of a certain amount of researches.

Theoretical significance of the work: Researched elements of this work are low-rate-investigated.

Practical significance: Materials can be used in the practice of language teaching and theoretical studies later.

Results of the research:

The use of linking elements in German language is determined by both semantic and sociolinguistic factors. The presence of a proper linking element can point on adherence to some dialectal layer. The majority of attributive compound words is semantically dependant on linking method of a compound word.