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According to prof. Blokh, composite sentences as polypredicative constructions exist in two types: composite sentences of complete composition and composite sentences of consise composition. So, sentences with non-finite constructions are considered to be infinitive, gerundial, participial semicomplex sentences, or time have several syntactic synonyms in modern English such as: participial, gerundial semicomplex sentences of time and subordinate clauses of time with conjunctions when, while, as, after, before. It is necessary to mention that infinitive semicomplex sentences of time in Modern English are met very seldom and are not mentioned by the majority of linguists. Being syntactical synonyms infinitive, gerundial, participial semicomplex sentences and the corresponding subordinate clauses of time with conjunctions when, while, as, after, before possess common functional-grammatical characteristics, have different structure and are transforms of each other. They have different volume of Tense meaning and some positional peculiarities.

Key words: semicomplex sentences, syntactical synonyms, volume of tense meaning, sema.

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