

**LINGUISTICS**  
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***Litnevskaya E.I. Concerning the codification of the functional varieties of russian literary language***

The goals of the article are to rationalize traditional concept of the degree to which different functional varieties of Russian literary language are codified and of the exclusively usage-oriented standardization of colloquial speech. The novelty of the paper consists in substantiated refusal of these conventional perceptions and the following conclusions: 1. Dictionaries, handbooks and grammar books are not the all-purpose means of codification. The only all-purpose means of codification is the school textbook of Russian. 2. The object of consistent codification of the school textbook of Russian is the stylistically neutral speech. The texts considered as 'ideal' by the school textbooks are the stylistically neutral ones. 3. Conventional notions of codification of literary language do not really represent reality, since 1) truly codified is only stylistically neutral style, 2) for all the functional styles only vocabularies including terminology and idioms are consistently codified, 3) all the styles are equal in the relation to the genre canons specific for each functional style, while these canons are adopted by examples and evaluated by the addressee by the same.

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