

LINGUISTICS

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Psychological and linguistic solution for the quality of language ability

Russian psychologists define language ability as a general characteristic of human mentality and as an individual-psychological feature of an individual. Considering this question of qualitative differences between language mastering and language competence in a field of language ability study becomes relevant. Typological properties of a nervous system serve as a natural background for variability of language ability. A degree of expression of these properties determines the choice of language mastering strategy. Psychological studies distinguish and describe variants of two general language ability types. In terms of linguistics they can be defined as abilities to nomination and predication. Along with language ability psychologists define a special discursive ability and its speech, cognitive and communicative components. As a whole they constitute human ability of being a language personality.

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