

LINGUISTICS

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Differentiation of discursive varieties as a problem of modern linguistics

The article describes and analyzes the most significant theories classifying modern discourse varieties. Some distinctive (and integral) features make the foundation of the given classifications. The idea to analyze different discourse varieties has proved out to be extremely efficient for modern linguistic researches. The criteria of differentiation between the types of discourse can include relationships among the participants of communication, the way and purpose of communication, the type of a genre, the channel of discourse realization and some others. In the study of discourse, a fundamental role is played by the three essential aspects - communicative, social and cognitive. The synthesis of a various directions allows a researcher to study discourse as a communicative process to the fullest extent.

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