

## LINGUISTICS

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### **Lexico-semantic peculiarities of expressing the speech act of reproach in modern English language**

This article deals with the investigation of lexico-semantic peculiarities of expressing the speech act of reproach in modern English language. Reproach is expressing to someone one's disapproval of or disappointment in their actions and behaviour with the purpose of influencing their emotional sphere and stimulating their feeling of guilt or shame. Diversity of reproach conditions the necessity of constantly selecting corresponding language means by the speaker in compliance with the chosen stylistic tonality, orientation to the situation of communication, formality / informality of the circumstances. The speech act of reproach in modern English is realised mainly with the help of modal verbs; adjectives, interjections and adverbs are also possible. The research was made on the material of English language films.

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