

PHILOLOGY

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Functioning of gender-marked idioms in English slang

The article deals with the functions typical of gender-marked idioms in modern English slang. The most common functions fulfilled by such idioms are: communicative, voluntative, estimating, characterizing. English slang idioms are multifunctional, at least two functions are combined as a rule. Both male and female idioms reflect the idea of stereotypes which are expressed in their semantics. Slang gender idioms are noted for their gender asymmetry. Slang phraseology reveals a certain lopsidedness or misbalance between male and female slang phraseological items. Modern slang idioms as well as Standard English phraseology can be characterized as a language which depicts a male point of view.

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