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To the question of borrowings and the original vocabulary correlation in the English language (on the basis of the analysis of the Webster's College Dictionary)

It is discussed the question of borrowings and the original vocabulary correlation in the English language. The authors consider different points of view of linguists concerning this problem. Some linguists think that about 70% of the words in the English language are borrowed. However, based on the analysis of the Webster's College dictionary the authors conclude that borrowings include only 30%. The article also considers the problem of word definition, as one of the most important questions of word-building in the English language.

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