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Systemic Language Representation of the Concept “Vice” in Modern English

Vice is an exclusively human quality, which considerably differentiates people from animals. Vice in its nature is prone to evil, as well as virtue is prone to good. Excessive predisposition to vice and vicious lifestyle leads to specific distortion of moral and ethic qualities of the individual, which directly influences the perception of reality, adequate interpretation of events, ability to overcome challenges and, more often than not, making the right decision. The concept “*vice*” is a significant component of the human language picture of the world and it is characterized by various psychological and social cultural features. Therefore, we believe it necessary to investigate verbalization of the concept “*vice*” in Modern English. This article contains the main results of the investigation, the purpose of which is to reveal and analyze the systemic language means representing the concept “*vice*” in Modern English. Cognitive features of the concept under study are identified, language means representing the concept “*vice*” are systematized, lexical semantic field representing the concept “*vice*” in Mordern English is modeled in the article.

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