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On the question of language means representing the concept “Freedom” in the system of modern English

It is considered the representation of the concept «freedom» in the system of Modern English. The necessity of cultural-linguistic investigation into the concept under study, in general, and revealing peculiarities of its representation in Modern English, in particular, is determined by the fact that freedom is one of the main human values, moreover, in the English linguistic culture it presents one of the most significant cultural constants. Application of such research methods as hypothetical deductive method, descriptive method, method of linguistic cognitive investigation, dictionary definition analysis, elements of componential analysis, context analysis, enabled us to reveal basic cognitive features of the concept under investigation and to model the structure of its representation in Modern English as a lexical semantic field. The research material was taken from contemporary authentic English-English dictionaries.

Key words: concept, freedom, lexeme, lexical semantic field, nucleus, periphery of the concept, cognitive linguistics, cognitive feature, representation.

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