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Communicative and pragmatic potential of the category of negation in modern English

The relevance is determined both by the priority of the communicative and pragmatic research direction within the anthropocentric paradigm, and by the significance of the category of negation for the communication process. The purpose of this work is to identify the system of speech acts implemented by negative statements in the response replicas of dialogical units, based on the material of works by English authors. The article provides an algorithm for distinguishing the type of speech act implemented by a negative statement, which involves taking into account the semantics and pragmatics of the replica-stimulus, the lexical content of the replica-reaction, as well as indicators of illocutionary goals of the speech act contained in the micro-context surrounding the utterance. The article claims that the pragmatic meanings of the considered speech acts are characterized by syncretism and that antonymic relations (pragmatic antonymy) are possible between them.

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