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## Microfields of connective discourse connectors in the English, German and Russian languages

The article contains the results of the conducted research of connective microfields of discourse connectors in the English, German and Russian languages. The comparative approach to the study of the microfields helped to reveal their common and specific features concerning their structure and constituents. All the microfields in the abovementioned languages include the same number of zones; however, they differ in qualitative quantitative aspects. Frequency of expression of various types of connection between discourse units by discourse connectors also depends on the language.

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