

PHILOLOGY

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Specifics of expression of semantic roles in complex nominatives used to describe the reference zone “Investigator’s Work” in English

The article elicits the correlation of semantic roles, regularly manifesting themselves in complex nominatives, used to describe the reference field “Investigator’s work” in English, and the means of their expression. The semantic components which are in the nominatives within the analyzed semantic field are the Instrumentalis, the Objective, the Patient, the Locative, the Target Component, as well as qualitative characteristics that implement the mechanism of clarifying the significative meaning of the kernel component of the complex nominative. Typical means of semantic varieties of the Instrumentalis are prepositional gerundial or nominal phrases, as well as adverbs. The meaning of the Objective is expressed by infinitive, prepositional nominative or gerundial phrases. The Objective is actualized by means of prepositional or non-propositional nouns, and within noun phrases whose nuclear component is a noun of propositional semantics, the Objective is actualized in preposition to the kernel element, functioning as an attribute. The Patient is expressed by animate nouns prepositional and non-propositional, or nouns formed by means of metonymic transfer from a place to people in the place. The Locative is realized by nouns and prepositional phrases with nouns whose meaning is limited to the place of investigative or procedural actions. Qualitative characteristics are expressed in the form of nouns or adjectives in preposition to the kernel component, as well as through nouns with a preposition.

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