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The representation of space in the phraseological fund of the English language

This article is devoted to the study of spatial semantics and the ways of its representation in English phraseology. The phraseological fund of the English language demonstrates a wide range of linguistic units representing spatial semantics. These units are constituents of spatial, somatic, subject, biomorphic codes of culture, reflecting universal and culturally unique ways of spatial orientation representation. The identification of units of spatial semantics in the phraseological fund of the English language made it possible to discover the comprehension of the space, based on the social and everyday experience of the nation, stereotypes and associations determined by superstitions, myths and archaic ideas, as well as modern views and perceptual experience.

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