PHILOLOGY

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Comparative analysis of compliments in Russian and English

One of the forms of speech etiquette is analyzed – a compliment. The definition of a compliment is considered, the types of compliments in Russian and English are indicated. The national peculiarities of compliments characteristic of Russian and English culture are noted. In conclusion, it is concluded that compliments are often found in English and Russian, highlighting moral, professional and intellectual qualities of personality and appearance. It is rare to see compliments that are dedicated to a person's actions and physical abilities. Compliments in Russian are more emotional than in English and are often accompanied by emotionally colored vocabulary. A compliment is usually used to show attention and care, so it is typical mainly for dialogical speech.

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