

PHILOLOGY

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On the question of socio-linguistic perception of the concept “Woman” in Modern English.

The results of the study of the concept “woman” in the English language are considered, specifying the sociolinguistic perception of the main lexeme of the concept under study and the representation of its lexical and semantic field by such synonymous lexemes as “woman”, “lady”, “female”, “girl” and “maid”. The analysis of the obtained results helps to create the cognitive structure of the concept and study its core, identify the general cognitive features of its components, the features of their meanings based on definitions provided by dictionaries. The analysis of the results is based on data showing the frequency of use of tokens in different English-speaking countries of the world. Native speakers’ perception of the word “woman” is analyzed on the basis of a comparative approach and statistics. During the research, such methods as the descriptive method, the analysis of dictionary definitions, the hypothetical-deductive method, elements of component analysis, contextual analysis, and the method of linguocognitive research were used.

Key words: concept, woman, lexeme, lexical semantic field, nucleus, periphery of the concept, cognitive linguistics, cognitive feature, representation, frequency of use.

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