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Thematic groups of phraseological units with a color component (based on English dictionaries)

The article examines English phraseological units with the color component "black", "white", "red", "blue", "brown", "green", "grey", "yellow", "pink" from the position of expressing their denotative meaning. Twelve thematic groups are proposed and characterized ("Feelings", "Appearance", "Behavior", "Health", "Knowledge", "Business", "Authority", "Politics", "Event", "Food", "Language", "Danger"). It is established that the thematic groups are represented by substantive, verbal and comparative adjectival phraseological units; in a number of groups, phraseological homonyms, synonyms, antonyms and archaisms are found. It was shown that English phraseological units with a color component name objects, properties, processes, states, situations, etc. associated with a person and the spheres of activity.

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