

PHLOLOGY

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Ways of expressing sarcasm in modern English oral speech

Sarcasm is defined as a witty and caustic remark expressing indirect criticism of the interlocutor or a third person (his mental abilities, character traits, appearance, actions and deeds, social status). It is shown that sarcasm as a stylistic device is based on the use of various complicated ways of expressing thoughts instead of a simple and clear formulation, while an element of comic is required, and it is characteristic that such expressions are characterized by a high degree of emotivity and expressivity.

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