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Linguistic and pragmatic features of sports slang in the modern English language

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The aim of our work is to study the linguistic and pragmatic features of sports slang on the material of the English language.

To achieve this aim the following tasks were set:

– to define the concept of slang in modern linguistics and describe its main features
– to consider sports slang as a kind of professional slang
– to identify the grammatical features of English sports slang
– to analyze the components of the meaning of sports slang in terms of pragmatics

The object of the research is the substandard vocabulary which includes layers of language that exist both among young people and in socio-professional spheres of human activity.

The subject of our work is linguistic features of modern English sports slang. The theoretical basis of the work were the works of Ukrainian and foreign scientists.

"I-spin"

Figure skating lingo
(thematic group "action")

The practical **material** of the study are units of sports slang, taken from dictionaries of modern British and American slang.

The main **method of research** was descriptive: the techniques of continuous sampling and linguistic observation were used in the choice of the studied units of sports slang.

Conclusions:

Having investigated the topic, we can conclude the analyzed units of slang are often used not only in close communication, but also in public speeches and interviews of athletes an coaches.

What is more, it was determined that slang carries the main features of "colloquialism", reflection of the psychology of the average speaker.

Analysis of this linguistic phenomenon can give extremely productive results, a deep understanding not only of the linguistics essence, functional and stylistic peculiarities of sports slang lexis, but also a formation of a common comprehension about slang and its easier perception.

Boobirds

(thematic group "people and participants of the action")

Obnoxious fans who boo the home team or a player when they are playing poorly.

Grocery stick

Ice-hockey lingo
(thematic group "people and participants of the action")

A player who sits for most of the game.