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## **FUNCTIONAL POTENTIAL OF DISCOURSE MARKERS IN GERMAN**

### **Abstract**

The article aims at studying the functions of discourse markers of the German language in communication. Despite a considerable number of Russian and foreign works researching discourse markers, there is still no common opinion about the boundaries of this group of words, neither there are principles and criteria for their classification. We identify and summarize possible functions of discourse markers in different types of discourse. It was discovered that being the units of functional-pragmatic level, they provide text cohesion. Discourse markers are represented by various grammatical word classes, are used mostly in preposition and are characterized by dynamic nature.

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