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TYOLOGY OF QUESTIONS: TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Abstract

The current papers presents an attempt of considering the typology of questions in the Russian, English and French. Despite expansive research of interrogative sentences by many linguists at home and abroad, there is still no common opinion about their definition, neither there are uniform principles and criteria for their classification. This study aimed at making an overview of existing approaches and classifications of questions exemplified by dialogues taken from famous fiction. The approach from form to meaning adopted in this study enabled to make a global division of questions into direct and indirect and to summarize their essential functions and variations. It was found that direct questions frequency of occurrence was higher than indirect ones. In the future, it is planned to concentrate on details of meaning by studying questions in larger verbal context.

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