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FUNCTIONAL PATTERNS OF THE CRAFT VOCABULARY OF VOLGA REGION

Abstract

This article focuses upon the particular patterns of the craft vocabulary functioning in the Penza and Ulyanovsk regions. The study contributes into lexicographic description of this semantic class of words. The aim is to classify the three thematic groups of craft vocabulary by their functioning patterns in Russian dialects and in the language. A number of methods were used including survey and quantitative assessment methods based on calculations, as well as areal, distributive and comparative methods. The results show that the craft vocabulary of the surveyed territory is heterogeneous in its composition and can be classified according to two parameters: location (it includes both nationwide and dialectal units) and sphere of use (words can be known to all speakers or only craftsmen, i.e. are either common or terminological). The article consistently reveals the nature of each thematic subgroup: the name of the craftsman, the general name of the activity, the specific actions taken to create the product, the name of the product, parts of the product, the material of which the product is made, and the tools needed to create the product. In general, the ratio between nationwide and dialectal lexical units was 60% to 40% with the terminological vocabulary significantly prevailing over the common one. In each of the three analyzed thematic groups, the ratio was different due to the characteristics and history of each craft.

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