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**INTERPRETIVE FUNCTION OF THE ENGLISH PROGRESSIVE
IN CONCEPTUALIZING BEHAVIOUR MEANINGS**

Abstract

The subject matter of the paper is the description of knowledge represented in the cognitive models with the progressive forms of the state-denoting predicates like *She is being rude / polite / respectful*. The paper introduces the idea of the interpretative progressive as a grammatical pattern of conceptualizing behavior. It is shown that the result of combining a normally state-denoting predicate with the progressive always gives the predicate an agentive acting or behavior meaning. It is claimed that in sentences with the interpretative progressive, one and the same human act is first observed and then interpreted. By using the interpretative progressive the speaker indicates that he/she is giving his/her interpretation of somebody's behavior. The obtained results contribute to the study of the alternative language construal of the world as well as to deeper understanding of grammar phenomena cognitive potential.

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