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Grammar deviation in blogs of native and non-native speakers

Abstract

Description and analysis of grammar deviation in English blogs are in the scope of the current study. We regard the concept of deviation as the choice of linguistic sources that interfere with Standard whereas we include here spontaneous violation as well as creative language use to make a new form for a successful and succinct expression. We distinguish between a deviation and a mistake and look deeper into existent classification of grammar deviation. As a result, we present a new classifying grid of possible grammar deviations and analyse intentional and non-intentional deviations in English blogs of such social networks as Instagram and Twitter by the authors who are both native and non-native (Russian) speakers. It was discovered that in both groups, the most frequent deviation was a syntactic one. Native speakers made a wide use of intentional syntactic deviation while non-native speakers mostly used non-intentional ones.

Keywords: deviation, blog, English, violation of linguistic norms, grammar

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