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Comparing interjections in Orochon and Evenki

Abstract

The current article focuses upon the results of the interjections analysis, their types and functions in the Orochon language. The data obtained are compared with the data on the interjections forms in the Evenki language obtained in previous studies. The study identified the correlation of Orochon and Evenki interjections functioning patterns to express various emotions, feelings and will. The Evenki language reveals a wide variety of word-building models – it has primary and secondary interjections. The Orochon language describes only the group of primary interjections. The spheres of interjections use are wider in the Evenki language which is connected with their household activities and culture peculiarities – the Evenki language depicts a group of reindeer breeding interjections. Orochon and Evenki interjections do not correlate in their sound pattern having single examples of phonetic correspondence.

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