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Verbs with incorporated actant-instrument in English: Functional approach

Abstract

The current article examines the issue of saving linguistic resources by the example of the verbs with incorporated actants functioning patterns in English. There haven't been enough researches of the incorporation phenomenon in a number of languages, and there are languages where it has not been studied whatsoever. In this study, the focus is made on the types of verbs with incorporated actants, their semantic potential and actualization patterns in various contexts. 60 verbs of the studied kind were selected in 600 contexts. The results show that the semantic potential of these verbs includes the meaning of the subject (both animate and inanimate), object (both animate and inanimate), instrument (with different variations), they also incorporate the way of action, location, description and time. These verbs are related to nouns, and their emergence in the language is determined by both linguistic economy and stylistic factors.

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