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Kind of a misspelling: Orthographic norm versus linguistic intuition

Abstract

The article studies the relation of the non-canonical spelling *tipo* being widespread in informal online communication to grammatical and lexical-semantic features of the corresponding preposition and the particle. 320000 messages from social networks were selected as the material for the study. Two varieties of the prepositional pattern *Sx tipa Sy* were found to reflect identification of the new phenomenon or combination of similar entities in an open sequence correspondingly. Six functional-semantic patterns containing the particle *tipa* were discovered to differ in result of the correlation process reflected by the particle and in the nature of correlated entities. It is found that the use of derivative preposition and particle *tipa* is caused by actualization of such cognitive operations as correspondence and combination vital for cognition and systematization of knowledge, and it is proven that unlike the stem noun *tip*, the preposition and particle *tipa* are used to verbally represent actual cognitive activity rather than its distinct results. It is argued that the particle *tipa* can be a discourse marker that signifies the process of selecting a word or combination of words that match the initial thought. The conclusion is made that preposition and particle *tipa* have undergone partial deetymologization due to their specific functional-semantic development that in combination with consistency in usage of the misspelling *tipo* and theoretical nature of the corresponding letter conflict testifies to the fact that this misspelling is perceived by some users as the only correct one for denoting deetymologized preposition and particle *tipa*.

Keywords: preposition, particle, functional-semantic type of use, partial deetymologization, misspelling, theoretical letter conflict

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