

CULTURAL COMPONENT OF ENGLISH PHRASEOLOGICAL UNITS

Introduction. One of the most topical linguistic problems of recent decades is the connection of the language of the people with its national culture. In this regard, it is important to study those aspects of the language that in some way reflect the national identity and specifics of a particular people. A valuable source of information about the culture and history of the people can be phraseological units that reflect the ideological, historical, cultural values of the people.

The purpose of the paper is to highlight the phraseological units of the English language as an important means of studying the national culture of the native speakers.

Results. Phraseology is the treasury of any language. Phraseological units reflect the history of the people, the originality of its culture and way of life. English has a very rich phraseology. In English, there are a large number of phraseological units related to human traditions, mythology and religion. The facts of the country's history, geography and economy are widely represented in the meaning and component composition of many phraseological units. [3]

Phraseological units in the context of culture and due to their figurative emotional and expressive nature act as the most important linguistic means that provide expressiveness and beauty of form. The study of phraseological units is difficult. Most phraseologies are vivid, emotionally rich phrases that belong to a certain language style and often have a pronounced national character. The study of phraseological units should also take into account the specifics of the context in which they are used. Many English stable combinations are characterized by ambiguity and stylistic diversity, which complicates their study. Phraseological expressions are used in almost all spheres of modern life. They are often found

in both the original works of classics and modern writers, are actively used in the media and in everyday speech.

Here are some examples of English phraseological units, that can reflect the national culture: «A gentleman's agreement» (джентльменська угода); «One last penny» (останні гроші); «Not budge an inch» (не поступатись ні на йоту); «Cakes and ale» (веселощі, задоволення); «Have a green thumb» (хороший садівник); «High tea» (рання вечеря з чаєм), «Jack of all trades» (майстер на всі руки).

Phraseologisms are highly informative units of language. That is why the question of the study of phraseological units is important in the field of linguistics. Today a large number of scientific works, both foreign and domestic, are devoted to the issue of phraseology. Thus, in foreign linguistic studies, much attention is paid to the issue of two related concepts - idioms and proverbs, because they constitute the phraseological fund of the English language, but differ in semantics. In the Ukrainian linguistic studies O. V. Koren explores the system-functional features of English proverbs [1]; L. I. Taranenko describes the genre features and functional purpose of the text of the English proverb [2]. Researchers of phraseology of different languages note that in the process of phraseological units functioning in speech are very often subjected to various transformations. These transformations are always purposeful and carried out with a certain communicative and stylistic task.

Conclusion. English phraseological units are an integral part of everyday English. They are quite common in both written and spoken English. Phraseologisms can be used in studying English as a source of information about culture, traditions and history of the country. To understand this layer of language, it is necessary to get acquainted with the meaning and use of each particular phraseologism. At first glance, this may seem like a difficult task, but learning them is very interesting, especially when comparing English phraseological units with phraseologies in your native language.

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