

ABSTRACTS

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PREDICATIVE CONSTRUCTIONS IN MODERN ENGLISH

There are finite and non-finite forms of the verbs in English. Finite forms of the verb express mood, tense, aspect and in several cases – person and gender. They can function in the sentence only as a predicate. Unlike finite forms of the verb, non-finite forms do not express person, number, mood and tense. These forms cannot function as a predicate, they have some different functions. This group is formed by the infinitive, gerund and participle and the elements combine the peculiarities of the verb and the noun (the infinitive, gerund) as well as of the verb and adjective (the participle).

Dual grammatical nature of the non-finite forms of the verb, verbal and nominative (or adverbial and adjectival), and their common usage in the predicative constructions have been considered by the grammarians.

Nevertheless, there are some peculiarities in the use of these forms which causes the theoretical difficulties, thus, they are still controversial for the scholars.

One of the main problem is the analysis of the gerund functioning as a subject which is expressed by the pronoun in the objective case and the noun in the nominative case.