

THE ASPECT AS A FUNCTIONAL-SEMANTIC CATEGORY

The English aspect-tense system includes four pragmatic types: Indefinite, Continuous, Perfect and Perfect-Continuous.

The system of grammatical and semantic categories of the verb is really diverse in different languages. The author of this article has investigated the aspect as a functional-semantic category. In her opinion the category of aspect can be Common and Continuous.

Aspect as the functional-semantic category consists of functional-semantic fields of the aspectual character of verbs, which expresses the permanence of the action. It is necessary to inform the speaker about the duration (constancy) of the action. In modern English the pragmatics of Continuous aspect expresses the duration of communicant's action.

The main task of the given article is to carry out a cognitive analysis of the concept of the aspect on the basis of the English and Azerbaijani languages. Besides, it was set to study the aspect as a semantic category in English separately. We want to justify the idea that the aspect is a grammatical category, which is expressed in the form of word-formation and is usually a formal category, indicating the nature of the action. Some researchers believe that the modern English language has a category of the aspect, but the others do not define it as a separate grammatical category. If the aspect as a grammatical category is generally considered to be a formal grammatical category, which shows the nature of the action, in terms of the functional grammar it is thought to be a functional semantic category.