

THE COMPREHENSION OF CULTURAL CONTEXT FOR EXPLANATION OF NATIONALLY SPECIFIC CONCEPTS

There is widely accepted that almost every linguistic phenomenon is not possible to analyze without taking into account the interconnection of language and culture. It is not less important for teaching English humanitarian students. The teaching of English, actually, should include the study of valuable cultural concepts. The article involved concerns one of the most important concepts of the English world picture - the lexeme gentleman and studies it within the cultural context in the process on English teaching in humanitarian high school. One of the most known and authoritative authentic reference books in « The Oxford English Dictionary» which is both encyclopedia as well as a definition dictionary of English. The article shows the analysis of the word gentleman dictionary entry's structure and content. This entry contains 5 meanings of the lexeme gentleman, which in their turn include some smaller entries with the definitions of this word meaning. The dictionary defines different meaning and cites from the texts, where the lexeme gentleman. There are for example quotations from J. Chaucer, John Lilly, some other writers. The description the etymology, use, meanings in diachronic aspect are given, helping to get both linguistic and cultural information to the students. Those who learn should refer to The Oxford English Dictionary to be fully informed of the lexeme gentleman meaning. The article concludes that using the encyclopedia authentic dictionary is of great importance for a successful teaching of English and the author foresees the perspective of studying this concept in fiction texts in future investigations.