NOTIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL WORDS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Abstract: *this article explores the criteria that distinguish notional and functional words in the English language. Notional words, such as nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs, carry semantic meaning and contribute to the content of a sentence. Functional words, on the other hand, such as prepositions, conjunctions, and articles, serve a grammatical purpose and provide structure to the language. The article delves into the defining characteristics of these two word classes and their roles in English grammar and communication.*

Key words: *notional words, functional words, parts of speech, English grammar.*

Аннотация: *Данная статья исследует критерии, которые отличают знаменательные и служебные слова в английском языке. Знаменательные слова, такие как существительные, глаголы, прилагательные и наречия, несут семантическое значение и вносят вклад в содержание предложения. С другой стороны, служебные слова, такие как предлоги, союзы и артикли, выполняют грамматическую функцию и придают структуру языку. В статье рассматриваются определяющие характеристики этих двух классов слов и их роль в английской грамматике и коммуникации.*

Ключевые слова: *знаменательные слова, служебные слова, части речи, английская грамматика.*

Annotatsiya: *ushbu maqola ingliz tilida ma'noviy va funksional so'zlarni ajratadigan me'yorlarni o'rganadi. Ma'noviy so'zlar, masalan, otlar, fe'llar, sifatlar va ravishlar, semantik ma'noni o'zida mujassam etadi va gapning mazmunga hissa*

qo'shadi. Boshqa tomondan, funksional so'zlar, masalan, predloglar, bog'lovchilar va artiklllar, grammatik maqsadni bajaradi va tilga tuzilma beradi. Maqolada ushbu ikki so'z toifasining aniqlovchi xususiyatlari va ularning ingliz grammatikasi hamda kommunikatsiyasidagi rollari tahlil qilinadi.

Kalit so'zlar: ma'noviy so'zlar, funksional so'zlar, so'z turkumlari, ingliz grammatikasi.

Introduction

The English language consists of a rich tapestry of words, each serving a unique purpose in conveying meaning and structuring communication. At the core of this linguistic system lie two broad categories of words: notional words and functional words. Notional words, also known as content words, are those that carry semantic significance and contribute to the substantive content of a sentence. Conversely, functional words, or grammatical words, serve a more structural role, providing the necessary grammatical elements that shape the language.

Defining Notional Words

Notional words are the building blocks of language, conveying the core meanings and concepts that form the basis of communication. This category encompasses nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs, which collectively express ideas, actions, qualities, and modifications. Nouns, for instance, name persons, places, objects, and abstract concepts, while verbs denote actions, states, or occurrences. Adjectives and adverbs, in turn, provide descriptive information about the qualities and characteristics of nouns and verbs, respectively [3].

Defining Functional Words

In contrast to notional words, functional words serve a more grammatical purpose, shaping the structure and flow of language. This category includes prepositions, conjunctions, articles, pronouns, and auxiliary verbs, among others. Prepositions, for example, establish relationships between nouns, pronouns, and other parts of speech, while conjunctions connect words, phrases, or clauses. Articles, such as "a," "an," and "the," provide grammatical information about the definiteness or indefiniteness of nouns, and pronouns substitute for nouns to avoid repetition [1].

The Significance of the Distinction

The distinction between notional and functional words is significant for several reasons. Firstly, it reflects the fundamental division between the semantic and grammatical aspects of language, highlighting the complementary roles these word classes play in effective communication. Notional words convey the substantive meaning, while functional words provide the necessary structural elements to organize and coherently express those meanings [2].

Conclusion

In the intricate web of the English language, notional and functional words work in tandem to create a rich and nuanced system of communication. Notional words carry the semantic weight, conveying ideas, actions, and descriptions, while functional words provide the grammatical scaffolding that gives structure and cohesion to the language. Understanding the criteria that distinguish these two word classes is crucial for a comprehensive understanding of English grammar and effective language use.

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