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# ЛЕКСИКОЛОГИЯ СОВРЕМЕННОГО АНГЛИЙСКОГО ЯЗЫКА (ENGLISH LEXICOLOGY)

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Цель курса «Лексикология» заключается в систематизации теоретических знаний и практических навыков в области лексикологии английского языка, в формировании прочной лингвистической основы в структуре профессиональных компетенций бакалавров.

В связи с данной целевой установкой предлагаемая программа семинарских занятий включает обсуждение теоретических аспектов курса и выполнение практических заданий, предназначенных для закрепления знаний, полученных студентами в лекционном курсе «Лексикология», а также в процессе самостоятельной работы с учебными пособиями и теоретическими работами по основным проблемам формирования и развития словарного состава современного английского языка.

Основными формами контроля на семинарских занятиях являются: опрос по теоретическим аспектам курса, отчетность о выполнении практических заданий, подготовка теоретических сообщений реферативного характера.

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#### SEMINAR № 1 English Vocabulary as a System

#### A. Points for discussion:

- 1. The object of lexicology. Theoretical and practical value of lexicology. Links of lexicology with linguistic and social sciences.
- 2. The word as the basic unit of lexicology. Paradigmatic and syntagmatic relations in the vocabulary.
- 3. Principles of vocabulary study: a) non-semantic morphological groupings; b) lexical and semantic fields; c) lexical-grammatical groupings; d) thematic and ideographic groups.
- 4. Territorial variation of the English language: lexical differences between British and American English.
- 5. Stylistic stratification of the English vocabulary. Lexical layers in English vocabulary: a) learned and official words; b) poetic words; c) colloquialisms and slang; d) neologisms, obsolete and archaic words;

Glossary: historical lexicology, descriptive lexicology, paradigmatics (paradigm), syntagmatics (syntagma), lexicon, vocabulary, word-stock, dialect, national variety, colloquialism, slang, neologism, obsolete word, archaic word, historical word

#### Recommended References:

Antrushina et al. English Lexicology. Chapters 1 & 2, pp.6-21, 27-38. Arnold I.V. The English Word. M.,1986., pp.9-12, 199-209, 216-220, 243-251. Дубенец Э.М. Modern English Lexicology. Theory and Practice. M.: 2002, pp 4-5, 141-153.

#### **B.** Assignments

Exercise 1.a) Classify the following nouns into subgroups assuming that nouns can further be subdivided into N object, N action  $\rightarrow$ N instant action or N process, N agent etc.

Abbey, alteration, ace, back, blame, bureau, circus, confession, cream, cut, day, division, dive, docker, fortune, gipsy, giggling, hurry, jump, knocker, laughter, maker, monument, person, process, run, satisfaction, shape, table, writer.

- b) Divide the above nouns into 1) concrete 2) abstract;
- c) countable;
- d) uncountable

#### Exercise 2. Write collocations for the words "book", "tree", "girl"

e.g. the bark of a tree, girl's book

approach, bark, big, boy, branch, cry, culmination, dress, exciting, green, grow, interesting, laugh, leaves, little, long, mischief, naughty, plot, pretty, run, smart, soil, style, sulk, tall, thick, write.

#### Exercise 3. Organize the following words into logical groups comprising the general and the particular. Suggest a general term (hyperonym) for each group

e.g vehicle: truck, bicycle, train animal, asparagus, beet, building, bull, bungalo, bush, cabbage, carrot, cat, cottage, dog, fiction, flower, football, grass, horse, mansion, novel, onion,

## Exercise 4. a) State the stylistic differences between the words in the following pairs. Consult the dictionary if necessary.

plant, polo, short story, sport, story, swimming, tennis, tree, vegetable, villa

nightly - nocturnal, yearly - annual, cloudy - nebulous, heavenly - celestial, womanly - feminine, brotherly - fraternal, bodily - corporeal, goodly - considerable, friendly - benevolent, homely - domestic, truthful - veracious, earthly - terrestrial

# b) Fill in the blanks with stylistically correct word from the list above He gave me a \_\_\_\_\_\_ answer. 2. The astronomers used an extremely elaborate \_\_\_\_\_ map. 3. To enable the struggling authors to live Smith established a \_\_\_\_\_ society. 4. New ideas were introduced both into the foreign

and policy. 5.	She looked at hir	n, her eyes	with sleep. 6.
This specimen belongs	to a species of	animals.	7. She was in
fear of the man	8. The place had	a air and	the child soon
quieted down. 9. This	is an	publication. 10 Sh	e looked very
in her new dres	S.		

Exercise 5. Read the extracts below and decide which types of discourse they belong to. Underline key stylistically marked words which help you identify the discourse: terms, bookish/poetic words, officialese/literary words etc.

Α

#### **Insecurity Haunts North African Regimes**

Southern Mediterranean states hope to exploit their growing internal security concerns as a means of intensifying pressure on the European Union to cement inter-regional ties during the Barcelona summit.

Among North African states there is growing insistence that the EU should respond more positively to demands for resources which would bolster the incumbent governments of the region in the face of insecurity they portray as threatening to Europe.

The EU aid package for Mediterranean states, amounting to 4 billion pounds, announced at the Cannes summit in June, is regarded by the beneficiaries as little more as a token gesture. North African states will use the Barcelona meeting to emphasize the link between political insecurity and a lack of investment. The Algerian councilor for foreign affairs says: "It's necessary to give much more money than that provided at Cannes. There cannot be stability and security without the settling of the social questions."

The gold paper was stamped with a pattern of ridges and spines, a miniature nautilus wrapped around dark imported chocolate. Unlike cheap candy that clawed and irritated, this confection slipped down the throat and satisfied.

The gold paper was subtly textured and, like fine damask, when angled just so to the light, it revealed secret designs – diamonds – iridescent and intermittent. Opened flat, the foil was about a three-inch square. It never failed to amaze Fei Lo how boxes and bags could be knocked down to a flat piece of hard paper with notches and missing corners. But the spines that formed this shell design could not be flattened. They were hot-stamped into the paper almost permanently giving the wrapped chocolate its crisp elegance. Fei Lo turned the foil over. A shard of chocolate fell free from the crease. He stared at it before knocking it into his mouth.

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«O God of Earth and Altar Bow down and hear our cry. Our earthly rulers falter. Our people drift and die. The walls of gold entomb us. The swords of scorn divide. Take not thy thunder from us. But take away our pride.»

Exercise 6. a) Read the two texts and say what country, the United Kingdom or the United States, the girls are from. Make a list of the differences between British and American English. Consult the wordlist of British and American vocabulary at <a href="http://www.english-zone.com/vocab/ae-be.html">http://www.english-zone.com/vocab/ae-be.html</a>.

#### Trudi:

I got up at seven-thirty. I put on my bathrobe, went into the bathroom and turned on the bath-tub faucets. After my bath I ate breakfast with my parents on the deck. Out apartment's on the fifteenth floor, so the view's terrific. At eight o'clock my mom and I took the elevator to the parking lot underneath our apartment block. First we stopped for gas, then she drove me to school. The freeway was really busy - automobiles everywhere. When I got to school it was raining. Luckily I'd brought my galoshes and an umbrella, so I didn't get wet.

School was OK except that we had a math test before recess. I think I flunked it, Anyway, after school I took a bus downtown to meet my sister., Susan. She became a grade school teacher after she left college last year. We ate out at Chinese restaurant. Personally, I don't like rice, so I ordered French-fries instead. Susan disapproved. After dessert and coffee we paid the check and left. It had stopped raining, but the sidewalks were still wet. Susan gave me a ride home, then I did a history assignment for the next day, watched a movie on TV and went to bed around.

#### Eileen:

I got up at half past seven. I put on my dressing gown, went into the bathroom and turned on the bath taps. After my bath I had breakfast with my parents on the terrace. Out flat's on the fifteenth floor, so the view's terrific. At eight o'clock my mum and I took the lift to the car park under our block of flats. First we stopped for petrol, then she drove me to school. The motorway was really busy—cars everywhere. When I got to school it was raining. Luckily I'd brought my Wellington boots and an umbrella, so I didn't get wet.

School was OK except that we had a maths exam before break. I think I failed it, Anyway, after school I took a bus to the city centre to meet my sister, Susan. She became a primary school teacher after she left university last year. We went out for dinner to a Chinese restaurant. Personally, I don't like rice, so I ordered chips instead. Susan disapproved. After sweet and coffee we paid the bill and left. It had stopped raining, but the pavements were still wet. Susan gave me a lift home, then I did some history homework for the next day, watched a film on the TV and went to bed.

## b) Study the meaning of the following words in British and American English from the "List of words having different meanings in American and British English" at https://en.wikipedia.org/

bureau, carnival, casualty (person), coach, custodian, dormitory, faculty, garbage, bathroom, liquor, mate, prom, reader

Exercise 7. It is well known that lexical differences between British and American English are obvious in the vocabularies of the educational systems. Fill in the table with British and American terms. Consult Wikipedia, if necessary

Concept	British English	American English
государственная школа	state school	public school
директор школы		
детский сад		
начальная школа		
средняя школа		
класс (ступень обучения)		
старшее звено средней школы		
частная школа		
оценка		
диплом (свидетельство, атте-		
стат) об окончании средней		
школы		

*Clues:* principal, public school, grade, primary school, general certificate of secondary education (GSCE), sixth form, infant school, senior high school, headmaster/headmistress, elementary school, private school, mark, high school diploma, comprehensive school, mark, day nursery, form, middle &junior high school

#### SEMINAR № 2 Etymology of the English Word-Stock

#### A. Points for discussion

- 1. The origin of English words.
- 2. Causes and ways of borrowings.
- 3. Assimilation of loan words.
- 4. Loan words impact upon the English vocabulary.
- 5. Etymological doublets in English.
- 6. International and pseudo-international words in the English language.

#### Recommended References:

Antrushina et al. Ibid., Chapters 3 & 4, pp. 44-70.

Arnold I.V. Ibid. pp.252-255, 259-261

Дубенец Э.М. Ibid., pp. 98 – 123.

Glossary: borrowing, loan word, etymology, etymological doublets, assimilation, international word, pseudo-international word, cognate, source, origin, hybrid

#### **B.** Assignments

Exercise 1. Subdivide the following words of native origin into a) Indo-European; b) Germanic; c) English proper.

daughter, woman, land, cow, moon, red, three, lady, always, bear, lord, nose, glad, heart, hand, night, to eat, to see, to make

Exercise 2. Explain the etymology of the following words. Write them down in 3 columns as a) fully assimilated; b) partially assimilated; c) unassimilated. State the type of assimilation (phonetical, graphical, lexical), if necessary.

pen, hors'd'oeuvre, ballet, beet, butter, skin, take, cup, police, distance, monk, garage, phenomenon, wine, large, justice, lesson, criterion, nice, coup'detat, sequence, gay, port, river, loose, autumn, low, uncle, lunar, bishop, regime, eau-de-Cologne

## Exercise 3. State the period when the following words were borrowed into the English language

Wall, cheese, candle, priest, street, music, pepper, philosophy, method, sputnik

## Exercise 4. Using an etymological dictionary compare the meanings of the following pairs of words and explain why they are called etymological doublets.

captain – chieftain, canal – channel, goal – jail, shadow – shade, pauper – poor, scar – share

Exercise 5. Do the etymology matching quiz at http://www.universal-teacher.org.uk/lang/etymolquiz.htm. Check your answers.

## Exercise 6. State the etymological composition of the following words and explain why they are called hybrids

avidly, countless, courtly, faintness, goddess, hindrance, joyful, relationship, unquestionable

## Exercise 7. Give at least 10 examples of international words belonging to different spheres of human activity

#### SEMINAR № 3 Semantic Structure of the English Word.

#### A. Points for discussion

1. The object of semasiology. The concept and definition of meaning.

- 2. Types of meaning in English: a) lexical meaning vs the notion; b) grammatical meaning and part-of-speech meaning; c) word meaning and motivation.
- 3. Word meaning and usage.

#### Recommended References:

Antrushina et al. Ibid. Chapters 7, pp.129-Arnold I.V. Ibid, pp, 37-39, 42-47. Дубенец Э.М. Ibid., pp.123-125.

Glossary: semasiology, lexical meaning, part-of-speech meaning, denotation, connotation

#### **B.** Assignments:

Exercise 1. Is there any lexical difference between day, day's, days, days'? What is the grammatical meaning of these units? Proceeding from the working definitions of the concepts of lexical meaning and grammatical meaning explain the difference between them

1) tree, tree's, trees, trees; 2) write, wrote, writing, written; 3) writes, sings, runs, goes; 3) boys, girls, students, teachers; 5) colour, colours; colours; 6) bead, beads; beads.

Exercise 2. Explain why the following words are treated as motivated or non-motivated. State the type of motivation (phonetic, grammatical, or semantic) where necessary:

splash, unanswerable, to winter, a bee (трудолюбивый человек), skindeep, big, to read, baker's dozen.

Exercise 3. Look up the italicized words in the English-English dictionary. Identify the denotative and connotative components of the meaning in the following words. Use the words in the sentences that follow. (Choose either (a) or (b)

a) murmur, mumble, grumble, mutter, whine, scream

1. She when she saw the snake. 2. The breakfast was spoilt; every-
body was the porridge was burnt. 3. The child was for a toy.
4. "Do you really care for me," Eve 5. "I don't know what the world
is coming to", he 6. The stranger something but so indistinctly
that I could not make anything out.
b) walk, stroll, wander, stagger, shuffle, creep, slip, dash
1. The old man was down the corridor. 2. For a long time he about
the town. He $\_\_\_$ out of the room unnoticed. 4. He $\_\_\_$ towards the door,
trying to make no noise. 5. He was bumped into by the women who
out of the shop doors with their purchases, without looking first to right or
left. 6. Now I was quite content to mile after mile through this silent
moonlit wood. 7. He towards the door clutching at his wound, and then
fell to the door. 8. They down the land hand in hand.

## SEMINAR № 4 Polysemy and Change of Meaning

#### A. Points for discussion

- 1. The system of meanings in polysemantic words and types of polysemantic development.
- 2. Diachronic and synchronic approach to the study of polysemy. Historic changeability of semantic structure.
- 3. Extralinguistic and linguistic factors of semantic changes.
- 4. Results of semantic change: a) specialization and generalization; b) amelioration and deterioration of meaning.
- 5. Types of semantic change: a) metaphor, b) metonymy; c) other types.

#### Recommended References:

Antrushina et al. Ibid. Chapter 8, pp. 147 - 160.

Arnold I.V. Ibid., pp.37-76.

Дубенец Э.М. Ibid., pp. 74 - 82, 125 - 127.

*Glossary*: polysemy, specialization, generalization, amelioration, deterioration (pejoration), metaphor, metonymy, irony, hyperbole

#### **B.** Assignments

shine

bright

sparkle

shine

Exercise 1. Read the entries for the English word "COURT' and the Russian "CYA" in English-English and Russian-English dictionaries. Explain the difference in the semantic structure of both words.

Exercise 2. a) Study the meaning of the verbs in the box. Choose the proper verb to fill in the space in each sentence. Sometimes more than one word is possible

flicker

flare

continuously

dazzle

twinkle	glow	sparkle	flash	
Literal meaning				
a. ',	, little :	star' is a well-kno	wn nursery rhyme. It	
means the light of the star changes rapidly from bright to faint.				
b. If car drives don't dip their headlights at night, they can you, and				
you can't see anything.				
c. This what the dyir	ng embers of a	fire do		
d. Sailors who are in difficulty fire these into the air to attract attention.				
e. This is what lighti	ng does	•		
f. This what the sun does				
g. This what diamonds do, or the sea on a bright, clear day				
h. A candle in a breeze, and casts shadows round a room.				
b) Tick the boxes to show the differences between the words to do with				
light. The first one has been done for you.				

on and off

**√** 

suddenly

dim

glow			
twinkle			
flicker			
flare			
flash			

c) Fill in the blanks with the above verbs of light (or their derivatives) in
metaphorical meanings. Comment on the type of metaphor
i. The book got a review in the newspaper, so I went out and
bought it.
j. He's not much good at creative thinking, but he really at anything
that requires manual dexterity.
k. People say that just before death, the whole of your life in front
of you.
1. He prepared a gourmet meal, totally unassisted, in the of an eye.
m. Violence has up again on the island of Kroana, where the situa-
tion is bordering on civil war.
n. As soon as I saw her come on stage, I was both by her beauty and
performance.
o. When our eyes met, a of recognition crossed his face, but he made
no other sign that he remembered me.
p. The party was alright, but it lacked There was nothing very excit-
ing or lively about it.
Exercise 3. Identify the type of meaning (direct or figurative) rendered in
the following sets of words. Comment on the semantic change in each

## collocation:

SMART: clothes, answer, house, garden, blow, punishment

STUBBORN: child, look, horse, resistance, fighting, cough, depression;

SOUND: lungs, scholar, tennis player, views, advice, criticism, ship,

whipping

edible r., the r. of the tooth, the r. of the matter, the square r., ROOT(n)

cube r.

DRINK(v): milk, poison, wine, smb's health, a toast to smb

SPREAD (v): butter, propaganda, cheese, an epidemic, rumours, jam,

disease, gossip, a cloth

## Exercise 4. State the development of meaning in the following words. Specify logical and associative ties between the meanings of the following polysemantic words.

- 1.Big Ben: колокол часов на башне Вестминстера → часы на башне Вестминстера
- 2. cockney: лондонец из низов (особкнно уроженец Ист-Энда), кокни → кокни, лондонское просторечие (преимущественно жителей Ист-Энда)
- 3. barbecue: pама, на которой жарится туша  $\rightarrow$  туша, зажаренная на  $pаме \rightarrow$  праздник, во время которого таким образом жарится туша  $\rightarrow$  пикник
- 4. Limerick: город в Ирландии  $\rightarrow$  шуточное стихотворение из пяти строк, в котором рифмуются первая, вторая, пятая и третья и четвертая строки
- 5. Ampere:  $\phi$ ранцузский  $\phi$ изик  $\rightarrow$  единица силы электрического тока 6.tube: mруба; mрубка  $\rightarrow$  mелевизионная mрубка  $\rightarrow$  mелевизор

### Exercise 5. Which of the meanings are 1) generalized; 2) specified; 3) metaphoric; 4) metonymic

- 1. shark: 1) акула; 2) обманщик, вымогатель
- 2. conversion: 1) превращение; переход из одного состояния в другое; 2) конверсия (способ словообразования)
- 3. crusade: 1) крестовый поход (ист.) 2) поход с освободительной миссией, борьба за справедливость
- 4. gold: 1) золото; 2) золотая медаль (a gold)

Exercise 6. The words listed below have experienced changes in meaning over the centuries. Look up each word in English-English historical dictionaries (e.g. www.m-w.com), and provide the information about its etymology: a) an earlier (us. obsolete) meaning of the word (or the meaning of the word as it was used in another language before entering English); b) the most common meaning of the word today. State the result in the change of meaning

e.g. *nice* a) strange, lazy, foolish (Middle English);

b) agreeable, considerate, precise  $\rightarrow$  amelioration

musclesalary gorilla gregarious hazard lunch

assassin bachelor

## Exercise 7. Explain which type of semantic transfer is observed in each pair of phrases. Indicate the type of metaphorical and metonymical meanings

the wing of the bird the wing of the building the eye of a man the eye of a needle the hand of a child the hand of a clock the heart of a man the heart of the matter the bridge across the river the bridge of the nose the tongue of a person the tongue of a bell the tooth of a boy the tooth of a comb the coat of a girl the coat of a dog green grass green years

green grass green years
black shoes black despair
nickel (metal) nickel (coin)

glass a glass copper a copper

Ford (proper name) a Ford (make of car)

Damascus (Syria) Damask Kashmir (India) Cashmere

#### SEMINAR № 5

#### Homonymy, Synonymy, Antonymy, Paronymy

#### A. Points for discussion

- 1. Homonymy. Types of homonyms in Modern English. Classification of homonyms due to the type of meaning a) lexical homonyms; b) grammatical homonyms; c) lexical-grammatical homonyms.
- 2. Phonetic coincidence and semantic differentiation of homonyms: homophones, homographs and homonyms proper.
- 3. Diachronic and synchronic approaches to homonymy. Criteria of differentiation between polysemy and homonymy. Historical homonymy.
- 4. Semantic equivalence and synonymy. Types of synonyms and criteria of synonymity. Classification of synonyms.
- 5. Semantic contrasts and antonymy. Classification of antonyms.

#### Recommended References:

Antrushina et al. Ibid. Chapters 9,10, 11, pp.166- 175, 184-197, 209-219. Arnold I.V. Ibid. pp.194-203, 203-215. Дубенец Э.М. Ibid., 127-140.

**Glossary**: homonym, homophone, homograph, split polysemy, synonym, antonym, patronym

#### **B.** Assignments

#### Exercise 1.a) Find homonyms proper of the following words:

band, seal, ear, cut, to bore, corn, fall, to hail, ray, draw

#### b) Write homophones of the following words:

heir, dye, cent, tale, steel, knight, sun, coarse, write, sight, hare

#### c) Find homographs of the following words:

to bow, wind, to tear, to desert, row, mow

## Exercise 2. Classify the following italicized homonyms. Use Professor Smirnitsky's classification

1.a) He should give the *ball* in your honour as the bride. B) The boy was playing with a *ball*. 2) a) He wished he could explain about his *left* ear. b) He *left* the sentence unfinished. 3.a) I wish you could stop *lying*. b) The yellow mouse was still dead, *lying* as it had fallen in the crystal clear liquid. 4.a) This time, he turned on the *light*. b) He wore \$ 300 suits with *light* ties and he was a man you would instinctively trust anywhere. 5.a) He was *bound* to keep the peace for six months. b) You should *bound* your desires by reason. 6.a) The pain was almost more than he could *bear*. b) Catch the *bear* before you sell his skin. 7.a) To *can* means to put up in airtight tins or jars for preservation. b) A Man *can* die but once.

## Exercise 3. Choose the correct word in brackets to go with each of the synonyms given below:

1. acute, keen, sharp (knife, mind, sight), 2. Abysmal, deep, profound (ignorance, river, sleep); 3. diminutive, miniature, petite, petty, small, tiny (camera, house, speck, spite, suffix, woman); 4. brisk, nimble, quick, swift (mind, revenge, train, walk).

# Exercise 4. Classify the following words and word combinations into synonymic sets and decide which word is the dominant word (the unique beginner). Identify ideographic and stylistic synonyms (Choose either a), b) or c):

- a) abhorrence, adoration, affection, attachment, audacity, boldness, bravery, chivalry, compassion, courage, daring, detestation, dislike, enmity, fearlessness, fondness, , gallantry, guts, hate, hatred, heroism, idolatry, ill-will, liking, love, nerve, passion, pluck, spunk, structure, undauntlessness, valance, valour;
- b) attend, drag, draw, force out, haul, lug, medicate, minister, nurse, pull, put to use, serve, strain, tend, tug;
- c) angry, chic, cross, displeased, dressy, effort-wasting, elegant, fashionable, fruitless, furious, helpless, hurt, impracticable, inapplicable, in a temper,

incensed, indignant, infuriated, irate, modish, piqued, resentful, smart, stylish, tiny, unserviceable, unusable, unworkable, useless, worked up, worthless.

## Exercise 5. Using the synonyms given below make up word combinations according to the pattern:

the fragrance of flowers aroma, fume, odour, perfume, reek, scent, smell, stench, stink, tang.

#### Exercise 6. Give antonyms of the following words:

**Bright** (day, student, idea, star); **dull** (book, lecture, landscape, weather, razor), **low** (voice, armchair, pressure), **narrow** (street, mind, vowel), **shallow** (waters, person), **sharp** (knife, eyesight, image, wind, tongue).

Exercise 7. Write c, g or r in column C in order to indicate whether the pairs in Columns A and B are complementary, gradable, or relational opposites:

A	В	C
Expensive	cheap	
Parent	offspring	
Pass	fail	

*Note*: complementary antonyms are complementary in that not alive = dead, present = not absent; gradable adjectives indicate a certain position on a scale/continuum tiny-small-medium-large-huge-gargantuan; relational opposites display symmetry in their meaning: if X is Y's teacher, then Y is X's pupil. Pairs of words ending in –er and –ee are usually relational opposites. If Mary is Bill's employer, then Bill is Mary's employee.

## Exercise 8. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate paronym Campaign, company

1.	The election in England lasts about a month. When
	stays too long, treat them like members of the family and
	they'll soon leave.
Canal,	channel
2.	The Panama was opened in 1914. She looks as if she just
	swum the English
Cause,	course
3.	In the of time he will realize it. All the deaths were from nat-
	ural
Human	, humane
4.	He is interested in studies. It's contrary to nature.
Person	al, personnel
5.	The door was marked "Airline only." May I ask you a
	question?
Quite, d	quiet
6.	Keep I forgot about it.

#### SEMINAR № 6 Lexical Morphology and Word Building in English

#### A. Points for discussion

- 1. Lexical morphology and word building. Principles of morphemic analysis. Derived words.
- 2. Classification of morphemes according to their place in the word structure. Structural classification of morphemes (free, bound, semi-bound morphemes).
- 3. Derivative relations. Derivational bases. Stem types. Derivational and functional affixes.
- 4. Productivity and semantic properties of affixes.

#### Recommended References:

Antrushina et al. Ibid. Chapter 5, pp. 78-86.

Arnold I.V. Ibid. pp.81-67. Дубенец Э.М. Ibid., pp.5-21

Glossary: derivation, base, morpheme, stem, suffix, prefix, free morpheme, bound morpheme, ultimate constituents, immediate constituents

#### **B.** Assignments

Exercise 1. Analyze the morphological structure of the following words: a) reduce the words to immediate constituents and point out the stem type and word building means; b) reduce the word to ultimate constituents.

- e.g. a) one liner (n)(остроумный ответ)  $\rightarrow$  affixation: one line (noun stem) + er (suffix)
- b) one (numeral stem) + line (noun stem) + er (noun suffix)

all-nighter, open-mindedness, disappointment, unknown, handbook, well-dressed, black, morphologically, superman, good, readable, classification, theatre-goer, accordingly, high-priced

Exercise 2. Explain the difference between the meaning of the following words. Use them in sentences of your own

watery – waterish, embarrassed – embarrassing, respected – respectful – respectable, exhaustive – exhausted – exhausting, touchy – touching – touched

#### SEMINAR № 7 Productive Word Building Means

#### A. Points for discussion

- 1. Affixation. Structural and semantic properties of the English affixes.
- 2. Conversion as a productive type of English word building. Semantic relationships in conversion. Partial conversion.
- 4. Composition as means of word building. Structural analysis of compounds. Criteria of compounds. Semantic properties of compounds. Compound derivatives.

5. Shortening. Semantic and stylistic correlation of shortened word and its prototype. Types of shortened words: clippings, blends, acronyms, abbreviations.

#### Recommended References:

Antrushina et al. Ibid, pp. 66-72. Arnold I.V. Ibid. Дубенец Э.М. Ibid, pp.5-21.

Glossary: affixation, composition, conversion, blending, compound, exocentric compounds, endocentric compounds, shortening, abbreviation, acronym

#### **B.** Assignments

#### Exercise 1. Define the particular type of word formation

a mike, to babysit, to buzz, a torchlight, theatrical, old-fashioned, to book, unreasonable, merry-go-round, V-Day, BBC, to bloodtransfuse, a go, to quack, eatable, NATO, Anglo-American, to murmur, a pub, okay, NIMBY, to thunder, a.m., earthquake, to dilly-dally, fatalism, zoo.

## Exercise 2. Divide the following compounds into two groups: a) idiomatic; b) non-idiomatic

cabman, necklace, earthquake, medium-sized, highway, wolf-dog, blackberry, light-hearted, looking-glass, bluebell, lazy-bones.

### Exercise 3. Explain the semantic correlations in the following pairs of words

shelter – to shelter, breakfast – to breakfast, fish – to fish, nurse – to nurse, empty, to empty, poor – to poor, monkey – to monkey, ape – to ape

#### Exercise 4. Point out the derivational means of the underlined words.

- 1. It doesn't interfere with your own <u>likes and dislikes.</u>
- 2. It had been quite a wait before he heard her voice.
- 3. It was the usual conflict of the haves and the have-nots.

#### SEMINAR № 8 Phraseology

#### A. Points for discussion

- 1. Phraseology as a branch of lexicology. Similarity and difference between phraseological units and words.
- 2. Criteria of distinguishing set-expressions (phraseological units) from free word groups.
- 3. Classification of phraseological units by A.A.Vinogradov, A.I.Smirnitsky, N.N.Amosova, A.V.Koonin.
- 4. Synonymy and antonymy in phraseology.

#### Recommended References:

Antrushina et al. Ibid. Chapters 12 & 13, pp.173-199.

Arnold I.V. Ibid.

Dubenets, Ibid.

Glossary: phraseological unit, set phrase, free word group, idiom, idiomaticity, phraseme, phraseological unity, phraseological fusion, phraseological combinations (collocations)

#### **B.** Assignments

Exercise 1. Match the phraseological units in column A with those in column B to make up pairs of synonyms. Explain your choice.

A

to go to one's long rest	as plain as a pikestaff
as weak as a cat –	to shut up
a heart of gold –	to sail in the same boat;
to have a head on one's shoulders –	to join the silent majority
to hold one's noise –	as weak as a water
to row in the same boat –	a heart of stone

as clear as a day –	to have one's head screwed on
right	

## b) Match the phraseological units in column A with those in column B to make up pairs of antonyms:

A	В
as heavy as lead	spring chicken
as rich as Croesus	a far cry
old bird	as hard as nails
as gentle as a lamb	as poor as a church mouse
at close quarters	as light as a feather
as drunk as a lord	foul play
fair play	as sober as a judge

Exercise 2. Complete the similes by matching A and B. Determine the peculiarities of similes as phraseological units

A	В
as black as	a gooseberry
as green as	a cucumber
as cold as	ink
as white as	hills
as old as	a sheet
as changeable as	houses
as safe as	weather
as brown as	ditchwater
as clean as	a berry
as dull as	a whistle

Exercise 3. Indicate, wherever possible, the structural variations in the following phraseological units. If in doubt, consult the dictionary.

to catch at a straw, a big bug, the last drop, to build a castle in the air, to weather the storm, to get the upper hand, to run for one's life, to do wonders, to run a risk, just the other way about.

## Exercise 4. In the examples given below identify the phraseological units and classify them on the semantic principle (word combinations – phraseological unities – phraseological fusions)

1. The operation started badly and everyone was in a temper throughout. 2. I know a man who would love meeting you. The perfect nut for you to crack your teeth on. 3. I wish I had you for Maths (my favourite subject) But alas, we cannot have our cake and eat it too. 4. He said: "Well, never mind, Nurse. Don't make such heavy weather about it." 5. Did you know that 50 per cent of the time I've been barking up all the wrong trees" 6. However, while appreciating that the best way to deal with a bully is to bully back, I never had quite the nerve. 7. What is it – First Aid? All you need know is how to treat shock and how to stop haemorrage, which I drummed into you till I am blue in the face. 8. Don't let them (pupils) lead you by the nose. 9. But I thought he was afraid I might take him at his word. 10. Ruth made no bones about the time she was accustomed to have dinner.

### Exercise 5. In the examples given below identify the phraseological units and classify them on the structural principle

- 1. Ella Friedenberg thinks she's Freud, but actually she is Peeping Tom.
- 2. What it symbolized was a fact of banking-corporate life: You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.
- 3. There was a man I cared about, and this afternoon he told me out of a clear sky that he was poor as a church mouse.
- 4. Finally, he asked me out of the blue if I could drive a car.
- 5. But Nelson did not believe in letting the grass grow under his feet and applied for the headmastership of a Mission School that was being started in New Guinea.

- 6. He took his ideas from "Daily Telegraph" and the books in prep school library, and his guiding rule in life was to play safe.
- 7. By God! I may be old-fashioned in my ideas, but women run around too much those days to suit me. They meet all kinds of crazy fish.
- 8. Then I got a shock that stiffened me from head to toe.

## Exercise 6. Group the following italicized phraseological units, using Professor Koonin's classification system

- 1. Margot brightened "Now you are talking! That would be a step up for women's lib".
- 2. Why was I more interested in the one *black sheep* than in all the white lambs in my care?
- 3. To the young, clichés seem freshly minted. Hitch your wagon to the star!
- 4. Out of sight out of mind. Anyway it'll do you good to have a rest from me.
- 5. In a sense it could be said that the ice was broken between us.
- 6. Rose Waterford smothered a giggle, but the others preserved a stony silence. Mrs Forrester's smile froze on her lips. Albert had *dropped a brick*.
- 7. "The fact is that Albert Forrester has made you all look a lot of damned fools". "All", said Clifford Boyleston. "We're all in the same boat".
- 8. It's no good crying over spilt milk.
- 9. Like many serious patriots, in her inability *to know* for certain *which way the cat would jump* she held her political opinions in suspense.
- 10. "How long do you want to go for? For always?" "Yes, for always". "Oh, *my God*!
- 11. That also was a gentleman's paper, but it had *bees in its bonnet*. Bees in bonnets were respectable things, but personally Soames did not care for them.

#### SEMINAR № 9 English Lexicography

#### A. Points for discussion

1. The object of lexicography. Methods of lexicographical research.

- 2. British and American lexicographical tradition. Linguistic and encyclopedic dictionaries.
- 3. General and specialized dictionaries. Methods of compiling monolingual and bilingual dictionaries.
- 4. Problems of lexicography: selection of lexical units, principles of arranging entries, principles of sense definitions, etc.
- 5. Types of Learner's dictionaries and principles of their compiling.

#### Recommended References:

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**Glossary**: dictionary, lexicon, glossary, thesaurus, entry word, definition, label, quotation

#### **B.** Assignments

Exercise 1. Study the Preface to your dictionary and fill in the Dictionary Quiz. Dictionary Quiz

1. Examples showing how words are used are given
a) in brackets
b) in italic type
2. Phrasal verbs are
a) printed in thick type
b) shown by a symbol
3. Information about place names is found
a) in Appendix
b) on special pages
4. Are there any study pages
a) yes
b) no

5. Where will you find additional information on the usage of words?
a) in notes
b) on colourful pages
6. Labels are printed
a) in brackets
b) in italics
7. Idioms are
a) printed in bold type
b) shown by a symbol
c) shown by a label
8. Are compounds within the entry
a) printed in bold type
b) shown by a symbol
c) shown by a label
9. Is grammatical information
a) shown by a code within the entry
b) in grammatical notes in the extra column
shown by means of examples and patterns within the entry
10. Is there any information on related words
a) yes
b) no

Exercise 2. Compare dictionary entries of LANGUAGE and CLIMATE in a general purpose English dictionary, in an encyclopedic dictionary and in a learners' dictionary. Explain the principles of defining the lexical items in these dictionaries.

Exercise 3. Transcribe the following words and show the difference between American and British variants of their pronunciation. Consult English-English dictionaries.

TD *4* I	· ·
British	American
DHUSH	American

Data

Exploratory

Dictionary

Lieutenant

Territory

Last

Clerk

Diphthong

Clothes

#### Exercise 4. Show the difference in the pronunciation of the following words

conduct (n)	conduct (v)
progress (n)	progress (v)
contract (n)	contract (v)
produce (n)	produce (v)
increase (n)	increase (v)
decrease (n)	decrease (v)
export (n)	export (v)

## Exercise 5. a) Study the following expressions in one of the Learner's dictionaries and explain the difference between:

to consist of	to consist in
to compare with	to compare to
to die of	to die for
to gasp at	to gasp for
guilty of	guilty about
to agree to	to agree with
to be concerned with	to be concerned about

#### a) Give examples of their usage

Exercise 6. Match a collective noun in column A with an appropriate noun in column B. Explain your choice.

A	В
	directors
	cards
	old clothes
a flock	deer
a swarm	sheep
a herd	grapes
a pack a bunch a bundle	actors
	thieves
	soldiers
a company	bees
a gang of	flowers
a ring a board	sticks
	cattle
	keys
	labourers
	wolves

Exercise 7. Read the text. Guess the meaning of the italicized phrasal verbs. Replace them with one-word synonyms or descriptive phrases. Consult general-purpose English-English dictionary

I'm tired of my boss. Every time I try <u>to talk up</u> a new idea, he <u>talks down</u> to me, or else he just <u>talks around</u> the issue. Of course, I can't <u>talk back</u> to him, and it is impossible <u>to talk</u> him <u>into</u> anything. I suppose that we could try <u>to talk out</u> the problem, but I think that I could talk until I was blue in the face, or all <u>talked out</u>, and nothing would change. He'd hear me out and then just rattle off reasons why I was wrong.

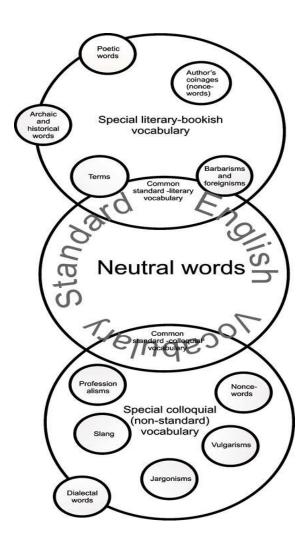
#### Appendix Lexical Field "MADNESS

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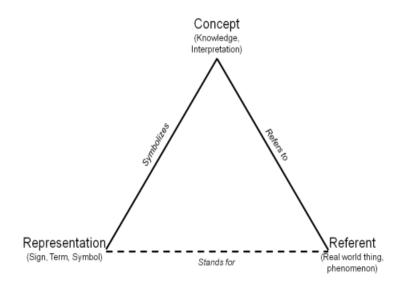
sch	izophrenic		of unsound mind
demented			not in full possession
unhinged			neurotic
non compos mentis			psychotic
mental			maladjusted
balmy			unbalanced
gaga		MAD	bananas
cuckoo			bonkers
1			crackers
batty			round the bend
potty			
loony			off one's chump
	daft		nuts

crazy

#### Stylistic Differentiation of English Vocabulary



#### **Ogden-Richards' Triangle of Reference**



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- 2. Lexical Features of American English (Australian English)
- 3. Terminology and Terminography as Branches of Lexicology.
- 4. English Dialects and Sociolects.
- 5. The Differences between Colloquial Words and Slang Words.
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- 10. Types of Euphemisms in English.
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- 13. Derivation of Phraseological Units.
- 14. Prefixal and Suffixal Word Building in Contemporary English
- 15. The Problem of Semi-affixes.
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