

AMERICAN ENGLISH: LEXICAL AND GRAMMATICAL ASPECTS

Despite the fact that American English is the most common variant of the language, we can not overlook the fact that there are dozens of other variants of English. It should be emphasized that British variant laid the foundation for American, and then Australian and South African variants of English. The Nigerian, Indian, Singaporean and many new varieties of English appeared in the twentieth century.

However, American English in the US is native for 80% of the population. It has a standard number of properties in spelling, grammar and vocabulary and is enshrined in the educational system and the media.

It is necessary to pay attention to the fact that the 50th-60th years of XX century are marked by the increasing penetration of Americanisms into English of Britons, Australians, New Zealanders, Canadians and Irish, and the 70th, and especially the 90th, - into the languages of other nations. Especially intensively, Americanisms get into the lexical structures of the languages with relatively few speakers who also use Latin alphabet (French, Italian, Polish, etc.), as well as into other Germanic languages (Dutch, German, Swedish, Danish, etc.).

The analysis of literature allows to state that there are some basic points of view on the status of English. According to authoritative linguists (N.Webster, O.M.Korchashkina, V.D.Arakin, H.V.Nesterchuk and others), American English is an independent self-speech. One of the followers of this judgment is Noah Webster, commonly known as the creator of unified standards of American English.

The topicality of this research is attributed to the fact that it allows to classify scientific opinions on American English. English is common not only in England but also abroad. It is an official language in many countries. At the same time the English language of each state has its own characteristics, its distinctive features that were formed in the course of historical development, as a result of the neighboring countries influence and indigenous population languages.

The object of this research is the American version of the English language.

The subject of the research is lexical and grammatical features of American English.

The purpose of this work is to identify lexical and grammatical features of American English.

To achieve this purpose it is necessary to solve the following tasks:

- 1) to consider the characteristics of British English and American English;
- 2) to study the origin of American English;
- 3) to identify grammatical and lexical features of American English.

In the process of our research, we studied basic theoretical papers by domestic and foreign linguists. We examined the historical context of American English origin, investigated Native Americans and European immigrants languages impacts on American English. On the basis of theoretical works and practical examples we considered American English grammatical and vocabulary features. We also described and systematized the main differences of British and American variants of the English language in grammar and vocabulary.