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Asten T.B., Reznichenko A.V. Non-changeable attributes in the Russian language (on the history of the question)

The article is devoted to the historical background of unchangeable attributes and their appearance in the Russian language. The typological peculiarities of unchangeable attributes are viewed. Different opinions of many scholars investigating this problem are taken into consideration, though many of them deny the existence of such grammar phenomenon. The author of the article shares Prof. Molotkov's point of view, who suggests subdividing all unchangeable attributes into three groups: those which are used both with declinable and indeclinable nouns. The second group comprises the attributes which can occur only in a collocation and the unchangeable attributes expressing shades of colour are included into the third group. The number of unchangeable attributes is increasing and represents the vast layer of Russian word-stock. Moreover the information of such word class is included into the textbooks both for students and pupils.

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