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Lexico-grammatical expression of direct and indirect inducement tactics realizing the speech act of request in the English language

This article deals with the investigation of lexico-grammatical expression of direct and indirect inducement tactics realizing the speech act of request in the English language. Direct and indirect speech acts are distinguished according to the means of expressing the speaker's intention. Requests of direct inducement are expressed by imperative and declarative constructions, which is characterized by low politeness inacceptable in English speaking culture. Indirect expression of request sounds more like a question about possibility and addressee's willingness to fulfill this action, thus the listener is given an opportunity to refuse. Direct and indirect inducement tactics realizing the speech act of request in the English language can be expressed by imperative and declarative constructions, performance verbs, modifiers, terminal formative constructions, subject-and object-oriented interrogative constructions with modal verbs, interrogative constructions with the pronoun we, complex indirect interrogative constructions, pseudosubordinate clauses. The research was made on the material of English language films.

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