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Functions of morphological oppositional reduction in English (based on the categories of the noun)

The article is devoted to the functions of the oppositional reduction inside the categories of number, gender, case and article determination of English nouns. Revealing these functions gives the opportunity to represent the category of oppositional reduction as a system, explain the author's intentions and, finally, prove that oppositional reduction is always motivated. The article deals with such functions of oppositional reduction as associative, genderization/degendarization, differentiating, intensifying, classifying generalization, limitative, uniting, personification, comparative, concord in number, stylistic differentiation, fictional gender transformation, characterizing, expressive, emotional and the function of economy of language means.

Key words: oppositional reduction, function, number, gender, case, article determination.

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