

PHILOLOGY

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Situational variability of means of expressing negative emotions in modern English

It is considered situational variability of means of expressing negative emotions in Modern English. This problem is topical for linguistics of emotions, pragma- and sociolinguistics. The author analyzes verbal, paraverbal and nonverbal means of expressing negative emotions in three communicative registers: official, neutral and unofficial. These registers are singled out on the basis of situational context and participants of the situation. The investigation gave the opportunity to come to the conclusion that verbal means of expressing negative emotions are very poor in the official register whereas paraverbal and nonverbal means prevail in it. In the neutral register the range of these means becomes wider, but the expression of emotions is not free of restrictions. In the unofficial register these register is very wide and several means are usually used together.

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