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Antonymic cohesion as a functional-semantic category

The article is topical due to the interest of scientist to the textual category of cohesion, referring to the universals of the linguistic analysis of the text, and due to the necessity of studying this category and its subcategories in terms of functional-semantic approach with the direction of investigation from function to means of its implementation. The article focuses on antonymic cohesion, first mentioned in the book by M.A.K. Halliday and R. Hasan «Cohesion in English» and its aim is to prove that this type of cohesion can be treated as a functional-semantic category, i.e. a category, which has some general meaning, uniting means of different levels of the language. The article claims that antonymic cohesion is a semantic invariant, presupposing the connection between the elements of the text, based on their opposite meanings. This invariant unites various linguistic means such as antonymous morphemes, functional words, grammatical forms, lexical systematic and contextual antonyms, inter-part-of-speech antonyms, antonymous syntactical constructions, substitutional textual antonyms. It also ensures interaction between them.

Key words: functional-semantic category, antonymic cohesion, link, lexical antonyms, grammatical antonyms, textual antonyms.

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