

PHILOLOGY

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Neo-vocabulary of the coronavirus pandemic period: new or well-forgotten old one?

The article aims at determining the features of the English vocabulary, which entered into use during the coronavirus 2019 pandemic, and identifying the meaning of words and phrases both already fixed in the dictionary and potentially new terminology and vocabulary of general use. The author tries to characterize changes in the semantics, describes means of derivation of new words typical of the modern period. The article provides the reader with a comparative analysis of dictionary entries of the studied vocabulary, as well as the use of neologisms in the British National Corpus of the English language. The result is a description of groups of synonymous phrases and words with a newly-developed meaning as well as neologisms found in the British National Corpus.

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