

PHILOLOGY

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Semantic paradigm of the lexeme «pain» and means representing the concept «pain» in modern English

It is considered the semantic paradigm of the lexeme «pain» and the representation of the concept «pain» in Modern English. Lexical specificity of pain is unique, only a few lexemes verbalise pain in Modern English, for example, *ache*, *hurt* and *pain*, however, in spite of having such scarce lexical paradigm verbalisation of its basic meaning can be found in other lexical semantic fields, and these synonyms present great interest for investigation. As a result of this research, semantic paradigm of the lexeme *pain*, its synonyms, combinability, idioms and phraseological units containing this lexeme have been analysed, moreover, the nucleus, near-nucleus zone, close periphery and distant periphery of the representation of the concept under research are identified. Contemporary authentic English-English dictionaries provided the research material.

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