

PHILOLOGY

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On "tea drinking" in the intercultural aspect (based on the material of the Russian and English languages)

Entering the process of intercultural interaction, participants often face discrepancies, differences and non-identity of worldviews and mentality, which causes the appearance of various types of lacunae in the language, associative lacunae in particular. The use of the diachronic approach made it possible to describe the process of evolution of the "tea drinking" semantic group's representation by lexical means of both Russian and English. The interpretive approaches presented in the article through which the disclosure of the "tea drinking" content in the Russian and English linguistic cultures is carried out made it possible to identify and describe the process of semantic shifts towards expanding the structure of the meaning of the lexemes-representatives of "tea drinking" in the English language, as well as the means of neutralizing associative lacunae by the means of Russian, as well as English.

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