

PHILOLOGY

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Idioms in the thesaurus of a Spanish-speaking football journalist

The relevance of the study is due to the poor study of idiomatic expressions used by football journalists. The purpose of the study is to analyze and classify idiomatic expressions used in commenting on football matches and on Internet blogs about football by Spanish and Latin American journalists. To achieve this goal, the work uses the method of purposeful sampling, the method of discourse analysis, the semantic method, the method of generalization and classification, and the method of quantitative calculations. Based on the analysis of factual material, such thematic groups of idiomatic expressions as “man”, “war”, “food and drinks”, “animals”, “nature”, “colorisms”, “home” are identified. The author comes to the conclusion that idiomatic expressions add greater expressiveness and dynamism to the speech of Spanish-speaking football commentators, creating the necessary emotional connection between the commentator and the audience. According to the article's findings, the most common thematic groups of set expressions are “man”, “war” and “food and drink”.

Key words: football commentary, football commentator, football journalist, linguistic personality, cognitive level, phraseological units, proverbs.

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