ABSTRACT

The subject of this degree work is sports terminology of modern English as a lexical subsystem with its qualitative, quantitative and functional peculiarities.

The aim of the work is to identify specific characteristics of sports terminology as a literary subsystem of the language from the point of its lexical and semantic, grammatical and word-forming categories and processes, as well as to single out peculiarities of its interpretation into Russian considering functional and stylistic, communicative and pragmatic features of sports texts. Based on the analyses of the gathered material we try to determine new trends in the ways of enriching the English sports terminology.

In the course of the study we have come to the conclusion that sports terminology is represented by different lexical layers including neutral units along with colloquial and words with various expressive connotations. A wide range of lexical and stylistic devices is used in sports journalism. Thereby, while translating sports texts it is necessary to consider stylistic and functional peculiarities which define the choice of the linguistic tools and the ways of interpretation. The latest trends in sports terms building are also to be taken into account as it enables to choose the most appropriate equivalent, to use justifiable sports borrowings or adopt a descriptive method of translation if it doesn’t impede the understanding and perception of the text.