Abstract
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Subject matter: Linguocultural aspect of studying geographical names in the English language

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Research relevance: This diploma thesis deals with the description of geographical names of the English language, reflecting linguistic and extralinguistic peculiarities.

Purpose: The aim of the thesis is to study the geographical names, describe their peculiar features and draw out their historical, cultural and toponymical characteristics.

Tasks: to find out various types of toponyms in the English language; to study modern linguistic approaches to studying geographical names; to systemize and classify English geographical names according to semantic classification; to define the role of toponyms in enriching the lexical layer of the language.

Theoretical and practical significance lies in making a contribution to studying the main linguistic and extralinguistic peculiarities of the English toponyms and in using the results of the research in teaching theoretical linguistic courses.

Results of the research: The whole corpus (350 examples of English geographical names) was subsumed under six main groups according to the semantic factor. Each group is characterized by a number of formants reflecting linguistic, historical and cultural nuances in toponymic nomination. Toponyms under study demonstrate the historical and national specifics of their origin.