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Grammatical Assimilation of Anglicisms in Armenian

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Abstract

The aim of the present paper is to investigate the peculiarities of the 'domestication' of anglicisms in Armenian. The integration of a great number of anglicisms into Armenian requires a linguistic analysis to explain how the process is performed. It is essential that we should be concerned with contrastive and typological studies of the two languages, as the English language and Armenian have differences in the sound system, in the grammatical and semantic structure.

In this paper we shall try to determine the possible morphological mechanisms at work which participate in reshaping or remodelling borrowed elements in accordance with the Armenian morphological patterns. We shall study the grammatical adaptation of anglicisms belonging to different parts of speech: nouns, adjectives, verbs. It is a morphologically induced process: the nature of nominal or adjectival suffix is determined and triggered by the grammatical category and function of the item.

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