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The classification of homonyms in English and Albanian

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Abstract

This article will address the issue of the classification of homonyms in English and Albanian. To report the numerous problems in the classification of homonymy in lexicology, the comparative method will also be used.

The classification of homonyms in the English language will be first discussed here to be followed by the classification of homonyms in Albanian. A general classification that applies to both English and Albanian will also be attempted here.

English and Albanian authors have studied the issue of the classification of homonyms in detail. We have observed that there does not exist a unique classification of homonyms in English or Albanian. The issue has been interpreted from different points of view and consequently various kinds of classifications have been obtained.

In both languages, they are classified from different perspectives: formation, degree of compliance, etc. More traditional types include homographs and homophones. Homophones are frequent in English but rare in Albanian.

It is important to note that the perception of similarity between words is often subjective and can vary from person to person. And certainly in the case of homophones, regional emphasis of words can either create or reject them.

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