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The formation of euphemisms in English and Albanian

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Abstract

This article focuses on euphemisms, as one of the most interesting parts in the lexical system, and attempts to make a contrastive analysis of English and Albanian euphemisms in terms of formation. In the word formation processes in English and Albanian, we have analysed the processes of affixation and compounding. These two semantic processes through which euphemisms are formed are at the focus of this article. Similarities and differences in structure and meaning are treated together with the possible cases with prefixes, suffixes, prefixo-suffixation and compounding. Some results of the analysis on euphemisms in the dictionaries of both British and Albanian languages are also brought here.

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