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English loan words in the Albanian language

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Abstract

English has had an important impact on other languages due to the contacts different peoples have established with the English-speaking world in order to meet their economic and political needs. In this paper it is argued that due to external influences and the exchange of cultures, the English language has had an impact on the Albanian language both in a direct and mediated way. To prove this argument, an overview of the direct contact of English with Albanian will be first provided. It will also be explained what mediated language contact is, and some of the ways of the indirect penetration of English loan words into Albanian will be discussed.

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