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# Phraseological Units Reflecting the Traditions and Customs of the English People in Sociolinguistics

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#### **Abstract**

The present article offers the multilevel nature of the English phraseological units and the peculiarities of their use as a way of reflecting the national cultural traits of the English people. Phraseological units are a mirror of the people. They fully reveal the national specifics of the language, its identity.

**Key Words:** English Phraseological Units, National Cultural Traits, Language and Culture Sociolinguistic Significance

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English language has its long period. In this period, language enriched with a lot of expressions which native people used. This is how a special layer of language proceeded – which is called phraseology, a set of stable expressions that have an independent meaning. Native English phraseological units are associated with the traditions, customs and beliefs of the English people, as well as with realities, legends, historical facts. Additionally, English phraseological units have a proper national character. That's why, by speaking about these units of language and its usage in speech it is necessary to mention that not only to replenish the vocabulary basis with native English expressions, but also to earn more about culture and tradition. If we talk about the contact of language and tradition, it comes to analyze with some samples. "Baker's dozen" чертова дюжина. According to an English custom, bread merchants received 13 loaves from bakers together with 12, and the thirteenth with reality. "Carry coals to Newcastle" – возить уголь в Ньюкасл. i,e. to carry something to a place where it is enough. New castle is the center of the English coal Industry. "Blue Stocking" синий чулок. The Dutch Admiral Boscawen called one of the literary salons of the middle of the XVIII century in London a collection of blue stockings when he was in England, since Scientist Benjamin Spelling fleet appeared in this salon in blue stockings.

Phraseological units arise from a free combination of words, which is used in a figurative sense. Gradually, the portability is forgotten, erased, and

combination becomes stable. Depending on how much the nominative meanings of the components of phraseology are erased, how strong the figurative meaning is in them, academician V.V. Vinogradov divides them into three types: "phraseological merges, phraseological unities and phraseological combinations".

According to academician Vinogradov, all phraseological units are expressions in which the meaning of one element depends on the meaning of another. It should be noted that Vinogradov's phraseological concept does not go beyond the framework of his general semasiological theory. In addition, the scientist himself did not talk about his own phraseological concept, which, however, became a common place already during his life time. The variation of one of the components is acceptable: "a bosom friend" – закадычный друг, "a bosom buddy" - закадычный приятель, it is also possible to give synonymous replacement of an obsolete word: "a pitched battle" - ожесточенная схватка, "a fierce battle" - свирепая схватка.

large number of **English** phraseological units are associated with ancient mythology, history and literature. Many of these phraseological units are international in nature, as they are found in a number of languages. E.g. "Achille's heel (or the heel of Achilles)", "the golden age" (this expression is first found in the Greek poet Hesiod in the poem "Works and Days" in the description of the age of Saturn, when



people lived, like the Gods, without worries, wars and heavy forced labor).

The features of linguo-concept include ethno cultural distinction. heterogeneity, multicharacter. internal fragmentation and, in contrast to the logical concept, "experiencing", semiotic density - representation in terms of expressing a number of linguistic synonyms, thematic series and fields, proverbs, sayings, folklore and other plots and synonymized symbols, focus on expression plan (inclusion of a name concept into associative paradigmatic and syntagmatic connections that have developed in the lexical system of the language).

If the typology of linguacultural concepts is based on the level of abstraction of their names, then the concepts of happiness, beauty, etc., should be attributed to the conceptuniversals of spiritual culture, and the cultural realities of matryoshka, birch, etc., to concept-symbols. Between these semantic the poles are the zone". "intermediate This zone includes emotional concepts that are closest to concepts - spiritual entities and embody subjectivity. The typology of linguocultural concepts based on a cognitive feature - a way of reflecting reality – partially coincides with their division into -parametric|| —nonparametric||, where the former classifying categories for are describing the properties of objects, and the latter reflect the subject content these objects.

The first (parametric) ones include the characteristics of objects that are essential for the conceptual picture of the world: size, quantity, space, function, quality, and so on. In their content, the value component (mercy, happiness, responsibility, etc.) occupies central place. Nonparametric concepts are those that have subject content. Nonparametric concepts can be divided into regulatory non-regulatory. Key (basic) and concepts, -constants|| (Yu.S. Stepanov), -cultural dominants», peripheral concepts (separation, laziness, path) are highlighted. The classification of linguocultural concepts according to the quantifier sociological criterion includes singular. or individually experienced (so, for some - peace, comfort, for others adventure, etc.), group (honor), sociospecific (pity), ethno specific (longing), universal (home).

Phraseology is a stable combination of words, which is characterized by a constant lexical composition, grammatical structure and meaning known to native speakers of a given language (in most cases, figuratively), which is not deduced from the meaning of the components that make up the phraseology. The term phraseology (from the French phraseology) was introduced by the Swiss scientist Sh. Bally in 1905 in the meaning of "a section of stylistics that studies related combinations". As vou phraseological units arise from a free combination of words, which is used in a figurative sense. Gradually, the portability is forgotten, erased, and the combination becomes stable types of phraseological units applied to modern English.



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