

Semantic analysis of motion verbs in English language

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Annotation: This article deals with the semantic features of verbs of motion, which provide a deeper understanding of how movement is conceptualized and communicated in English. This study focuses on exploring the definitions, classifications, and semantic nuances of these verbs and emphasizes their practical applications in language use which can help language learners with their learning process.

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Аннотация: В этой статье рассматриваются семантические особенности глаголов движения, которые обеспечивают более глубокое понимание того, как движение концептуализируется и передается в английском языке. Это исследование фокусируется на изучении определений, классификаций и семантических нюансов этих глаголов и подчеркивает их практическое применение в использовании языка, что может помочь изучающим язык в процессе обучения.

Ключевые слова: глаголы движения, типы глаголов, семантические признаки, классификация, лексико-семантическая классификация, синтаксис, синтаксические отношения, глаголы ориентированные на путь

Annotatsiya: Ushbu maqolada harakat fe'llarining semantik xususiyatlari ko'rib chiqiladi, bu esa harakatning ingliz tilida qanday kontseptualizatsiya qilinishini tushunish imkonini beradi. Ushbu tadqiqot harakat fe'llarning ta'riflari, tasniflari va semantik nuanslarini o'rganishga qaratilgan va bu ularning til o'rganish jarayonida til o'rganuvchilar tomonidan oson amaliy qo'llanilishiga yordam beradi.

Kalit so'zlar: harakat fe'llari, fe'l turlari, semantik xususiyatlar, tasnif, leksik-semantik tasnif, sintaksis, sintaktik munosabatlar, yo'lga yo'naltirilgan fe'llar

Introduction

In recent years, the study of semantics has been considered as one of the main problems of linguistics. In particular, the complex and varied lexico-semantic

classification of verbs in different languages creates a number of difficulties for learning languages, in mastering a particular language, in determining the lexical meanings of words and their semantic relationships with other words. This problem is particularly relevant when analyzing verbs of motion, which is fundamental category in most of the languages. These verbs not only describe physical movement from one place to another, but also denote abstract meanings, idiomatic expressions, and metaphorical extensions. Their classification, semantic nuances, and interaction with grammatical structures vary significantly across languages, creating some challenges for translation, linguistic research, and second-language acquisition. Therefore, a detailed semantic analysis of verbs of motion is essential for understanding their role in language systems and their impact on communication.

As it is clear, the verb has a crucial role when expressing thoughts as it is one of the main parts of speech, and as a part of the sentence, it mainly appears in the role of a predicate. From that point of view, it plays a special role in the formation of the sentence, and as a result, other sentence parts are chosen precisely according to the nature of the verb. A verb, from the Latin *verbum* meaning word, is a word, part of speech that in syntax expresses an action, a state of being, or an occurrence.[1]

Verbs can be categorized in different groups, therefore different classifications are available. For example, the English linguist Frawley divides verbs into four principal classes namely: 1. Acts- these verbs express actions performed intentionally by an agent, the subject of the sentence. They often involve a physical effort [2].

Examples: *They painted the fenster.*

He plays the piano.

2. States- these verbs describe conditions, situations, or states of being that do not involve any action or change. They are mostly static and often express existence, possession, or feelings.

Examples: *She is angry with her friend.*

He owns a car.

3. Causes- these verbs express causation, where the subject of the sentence causes something to happen or brings about a change in state or the condition.

Examples: *She made him laugh.*

The teacher caused them to rethink.

4. Motion- these verbs describe movement from one location to another one or the manner in which the movement occurs and they often indicate direction, manner, or purpose of motion and can combine with prepositions to specify details of the movement.

Examples: *He walked to the store.*

The plane flew over the mountains.

Because of the purposes of this article, motion, the last type of the classification, has much importance in this research. Within the sphere of linguistics, it is often possible to come across the concept of motion verbs. Let's firstly define what motion verbs are. Motion verbs are considered to be verbs that indicate motion, direction, manner and purpose of motion and describe movement from one location to another.[3] Verbs of motion cannot be used in passive voice and "run", "walk" and "jump" are the most frequent examples of verbs of motion. According the linguists, the verbs of motion are not merely words denoting movement but also convey complex semantic and syntactic relationships tied to space and direction. This synthesis of definitions highlights the multi-dimensional nature of verbs of motion, serving as a foundation for their semantic analysis and their role in the broader linguistic study of motion events. [4]

Verbs of motion are an essential category of verbs that express movement and are characterized by several unique semantic and grammatical properties. Semantically, these verbs often convey directionality, manner, and path. Directionality indicates the movement's orientation, such as moving toward or away from a particular point. For example, the verb "go" signifies movement away from some place "She went to the park", while "come" implies movement toward a location "He came to work late". The manner of motion specifies how the movement occurs, as verbs like "run", "He ran to catch the bus", path-oriented verbs define the movement along some trajectory, the verb "crawl" can be an example for this type of verbs, "The baby crawled across the floor", or "fly", "The bird flew across the sky".[5]

To conclude, the study of motion verbs in the English language highlights their crucial role in making communication clear, detailed, and engaging. Motion verbs are not just words that describe movement – they are essential tools for conveying meaning, creating vivid imagery, and expressing both concrete and abstract ideas. This article examined their definitions, classifications, and their semantic functions.

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