Lexical-semantic Analysis of Address Components in Russian Language

The article reveals the concept of «form of address». The main attention is paid to functioning of components of the informal address in syntagmatic aspect. Forms of address are considered as integral part of communicative strategies and tactics used in real communication. Lexemes in the form of personal names, the lexicon connected with differentiation of persons on age, relationship names, etc. are considered. Theoretical results are illustrated by examples from modern literature.

Key words: address; informal address; semantic value; emotional contents of words; speech communication; clichés; lexical form; sphere of functioning; extra linguistic factors; interlocutor.

The modern language has a numerous and varied means strengthening emotional and evocative expressions of forms of address: intonation, phonetic, morphonological and morphological and at last lexical means by which a speaker can express an emotional attitude to the interlocutor or his/her expressive view.

As modern trends defining features of modern speech communication in Russian language, we can mention the following: expansion of the persons acting in public, relaxation of censorship, loosening regulations, general democratization of speech, an abundance of loans, the rejection of clichés of the Soviet era.

The empiric matter is represented by some fragments of texts which content addresses from the fiction books of modern famous Russian writers V. Pelevin, P. Sanayev and R. Trakhtenberg. The article uses the methods of comparison and description, contextual analysis, generalization and the classification of the sampling material, the method of continuous sampling.

The form of address is an identifying word or identifying words by which someone or something is called and classified or distinguished from others. There are different lexical forms of address, which reflect the changing forms of relations between people. In modern speech we use fixed, commonly used or preferred forms of address in a particular social and speech activity.

The content of forms of address is a linguistic form of contact establishment with an interlocutor at the demonstration of mutual social and personal relationships. The addresses arise on the basis of word-nomination indicating different features:

1) the presence or absence of acquaintance (relationship) with the speaker;
2) the age of the addressee in relation to the age of the speaker;
3) social status of the addressee in relation to the speaker;
4) profession, occupation of the addressee;
5) the function of the addressee in this situation;
6) addressee’s personal qualities appearing in his behavior in this situation or known to the speaker from the past;
7) addressee’s qualities as an object of emotional influence and characterization from the speakers’ point of view.

The addresses arise on the basis of words, but they are no words. They are no word-nominations any more, but a form of address to an addressee, i.e. a kind of speech act consisting of an appeal and naming at the same time.

The most common lexical forms of T-forms (informal forms of address) in modern language are personal proper nouns or common nouns. The forms of address to inanimate objects are not widespread beyond the poetic text. They usually serve as a mean to make the speaker’s speech poetically emotional.

The using of some or other personal forms (a full name, a short name, a first name and a patronymic, a last name, etc.) is regulated on the one hand by the speech sphere of their functioning, and on the other hand by the public environment, the relations between the speaker and the interlocutor and other extralinguistic factors.
Personal proper names as the informal address excepting of the main function naming the concrete addressee of speech express a concrete differentiation of interlocutors on different characteristics, the difference in respect of the speaker to participants of a dialogue. For example, using as a form of address only the dressee of speech express a concrete differentiation of interlocutors on different characteristics, the differ-

The pointedly familiar form of address connected with the degree of friendship implies simplification or stylized mutation of names, e.g. Semyon — Senechka; Alexander — Sasha, Julius — Yula; Victor — Vitel, so on.

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As a result, there is a common tendency towards stability of verbal forms of address and it regards to losing of their direct nominative value. However it should be noted that recently due to the social-economic changes taking place in Russia which have an impact on lifestyle, the system of values, relationships between people, the meaning of the word «friend» in Russian language have weakened in some ways, that’s why we can suppose that the number of friends among Russians will grow while the interconnection between the friends weaken [4]. The consequence for wide spreading of address form «friend» in modern speech is the effacement of its inner content and it can be even used in speaker’s unfriendly attitude to the interlocutor. The word «friend» in that case has the same history as the word «brother».
– Спасибо, брат, – сказал Андрей.

Moreover some common forms of address such as kiddos, guys, bud are used in a particular male collective or group.
– Спасибо, парни, я это никогда не забуду....
– Во, лучше так, — согласился здоровяк. — Правильно, пацаны?
– Могу устроить тебе такие гастроли, корешина, что ты просто очумеешь! — в карьер по дели погнал Витёк.

The lexemes with diminutive forms are often used in relations to women, e.g.:  
– Сегодня уже не выйдет, душечка, — сказал я и потянул ее за рукав.
– Ну, давай, детка, давай. Давай, проси. Я все для тебя сделаю, моя радость.
– Сколько ты хочешь, киска? — спросил я, обнимая ее за талию.

The concrete semantic value of emotional and evaluative words which are traditionally used as forms of address is losing, they get only some or other general emotional connotation tone, e.g.: sweetheart, dear, darling.
– Все будет зависеть от тебя, дорогая, — сказал я. — Если ты будешь обижать меня каждый день....
– Милая, ну зачем? Зачем тебе с такой беспощадностью отрабатывать эту идиотскую, насиливо вбитую в тебя природой и обществом программу, чтобы заставить меня страдать все сильнее и сильнее?

In relation to those who enters to a privacy circle (the family members, for instance) Russians are often impolite or even rude, e.g.:  
– Тебе все понятно, моя дурачка?
– Жалко, — ответила она, — Конечно, жалко, глупы.

It might be a contradiction of Russian character based on opposites and that was noted by many researchers. Opposing Russian ‘culture of the end’ with western ‘culture of the mean’ the German philosopher V. Shubart makes a conclusion about Russian nature in Orthodoxy peculiarities by saying that Russians are strange to median. Russians have no absorbing midsection no linking part between the two extremes. Russians are full of contrasts which are very next to each other and their hard friction pounds soul to wounds. There is rudeness near tenderness of heart, cruelty near sentimentality, sensibility near ascesis, depravity near holiness [5]. Therefore, in a concrete speech situation the emotional content of the words used in the form of address can get new shades even up to the opposite emotional coloring.

Therefore, less social distance, i.e. the closeness of the relationship, typical to Russian culture, enhances the communicative accessibility and promotes lesser regulation of behavior. It allows interlocutors to behave more freely, speak directly about what they want to and what they think of. In the process of communication Russian people feel as a part of the team, they are sure that their interests, concerns, wishes, advice and opinions are very interesting to interlocutors and they expect comprehension in a response. In this type of relationship straightness and imperative are not a threat or a hindrance harmonious relations (to the extent as in the English culture) and do not violate the principles of politeness characteristic of Russian communicative tradition.

Destruction at first of the stable system of appeals that existed until 1917, and then destruction of the system, which was established in the Soviet era, and the gradual, not always obvious, the formation of new, no stylistically neutral forms of address to a stranger, frequent breaches of etiquette in the media, the impact of foreign language etiquette tradition — are the causes of a wide variety of forms of address, being used nowadays in the modern society. As once said M.A. Krongauz: "just forms of address in Russia turned out to be at the center of two socio-linguistic radical change — the «revolutionary» and «perestroika» [6].

Changing of ideology turned the ideologized system of forms of address that has developed in the Soviet era. First of all, we should note the change in the use of socially marked forms of address.

However, the uncertainty of the future path of Russia, the ideological fragmentation of society does not contribute to the formation of a new system of forms of address. The desire to avoid politically engaged forms of address, the need for today's mass media to address to the general public — brought the most generalized forms of address to life at the present time: Russians!, Dear Compatriots!, Dear Russians!, Dear Compatriots!, Dear Muscovites! Dear friends!

There is also a change in the status of form of address «comrade». This form of address has ceased to be widely used, to be neutral. The word «Sir» was used exclusively in the diplomatic environment, but nowa-

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days it is used in more situations and is rapidly expanded in different fields. An important role was played by the general revaluation of the pre-revolutionary Russian life.

Interest in the culture of pre-revolutionary Russia and Western European influence gave rise to a compound of different cultural, traditional etiquette, which created a very mixed situation in the sphere of using the forms of address. We can observe the resurgence of status forms of address as «Your Excellency».

The absence of a single common forms of address led to increasing of colloquial forms of address into speech of wide community. Particularly, forms of address like «man» and «woman» are common today, borrowings from other languages such as Madame, pani, etc. are widely used in everyday communication.

Manner to address to people and call them by name and surname or by just name in formal settings official appeared and wide spread. Full form of a name is used as an official form of address. Forms of address like «man» and «woman» are common today, borrowings from other languages such as Madame, pani, etc. are widely used in everyday communication.

In the family relationships can also note the tendency to further democratization of communication, the rejection of forms of address, calling the direct role of family members.

Marking the existence of social groups, forms of address can express political attitudes of certain social, political associations.

Thus, the system of forms of address, which is used in everyday communication at the moment is not fully formed and well regulated.

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Some peculiarities of developing critical thinking skills in children through the process of teaching English as a second language

The article discusses the features of the development of critical thinking in children in the process of learning English as a second language, its essence and its stage of development at English lessons. The article reveals the development of critical thinking through listening and speaking. Using foreign language lessons, some methods of formation of critical thinking, students get a lot of satisfaction from the learning process itself and on its results.

Key words: globalization, vocalization, critical thinking, observation, experience, reflection, universal intellectual values, self-worth, self-esteem, competition, foreign language, resolving a problem.

English is a widely spoken language around the world. It is use in business communications, foreign relations, in entertainment and in formal classroom education as a medium of instructions in some academic subjects. Considered as the universal language, English now is taught in many non-English speaking countries especially in Kazakhstan. It is all part of the global revolution to be able to bridge the gap in communications by using one language as a means of expression. In this highly competitive world where globalization is an integral part of human development various cultures interact with each other by using English as the form of communications.

All babies have the natural capacity to learn any language even at the earliest stage of their infancy. Even before children learn to utter their first word they are already living in a world of language where non-verbal messages are expressed through actions, facial expressions, hand gestures and vocalization.

Language is an important part of human development where one can share thoughts, feelings and ideas. That is why children at an early age experiment with language and find a way to communicate their needs and wants.

An interesting stage in a child development is the preschool years where their keen sense of learning is at its peak and introducing a second language at this point will widen their concept of things and explore more of their ability to talk and communicate [1].

Children are confronted daily with rich opportunities to solve problems and exercise their own independent judgment when they're given the chance to safely explore the world. These problems, which might involve physical challenges, social relationship issues, or understanding how things work, often seem minor to us but provide great opportunities to practice critical thinking skills.

For example: an eight-month-old has crawled under a chair and now can't figure out how to get out. He wonders what to do. A two-year-old thinks: «My teacher put out tongs for us to pick up our chicken nuggets, but I can't figure out how they work. Do I keep trying or just use my fingers?» A four-year-old thinks: «I am trying to get the water in the sandbox to stay in the 'moat' I'm building for my castle, but it keeps disappearing into the sand. How do I make the water stay?» A seven-year-old speculates: «Several of my friends are teasing a kid in our class about his clothes. Do I join in, not participate, or tell them how I really feel about what they are doing?».