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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AMERICAN AND BRITISH ENGLISH AS A REFLECTION OF DIFFERENCES IN MENTALITIES

Различия в американском и британском вариантах английского языка как отражение различий в менталитетах

What is the symbol of the people that reflects the whole essence of the nation? Of course, this is the language people speak. When we come to other countries, we don't have to live there for years to understand the vibe of the indigenous people, we just need to listen to them. It is not necessary to understand what they are saying, what matters is how they do it. For example, Spaniards speak very quickly because they are used to the fast pace of life. Belarusians speak measuredly and clearly, because we are calm and love order. In addition to the manner of speaking, all of us also differ in the language in which we speak. But can there be differences in peoples who speak the same language and how are the differences in mentality and cultural values reflected in pronunciation? To study this question is the purpose of my work. I will consider the differences using the example of English, the lingua franca, and the example of native speakers of this language: Americans (residents of the United States) and British.

After 1707, the colonization of North America by the British, French and Spanish began. The large-scale colonization of America by the British, the largest wave of which occurred in the 17th century, brought English to America, which began to take root into the local languages and newcomers: German, French, Spanish.

Due to the fact that by the time of the War of Independence in the United States more than 80 % of the settlers were English, English became the main language of the independent state. In general, it should be noted that the language cannot be called a constant, it changes endlessly – some words appear, others age, new grammatical rules appear. American English, separated from England by thousands of kilometers of ocean and an undeveloped communication system, stopped developing in the rhythm of the British, and began to change independently among a large number of immigrants from different countries, which actually led to the difference in languages that we are seeing now.

Having settled on a new continent, the British were faced with concepts that were not met at home, ranging from climatic conditions, flora and fauna, ending with various household needs, all spheres of life required new words to describe them.

Americans are distinguished by a fast pace of life, which is why they have many abbreviations in words and in everyday life, words in a sentence often merge into one inarticulate. For example, the question *What are you foing to do?* an American will pronounce it like *Whatcha gonna do?* Another example of their simplification of the language is colloquial forms such as *I gotta* – an abbreviation for *I got to*, *I wanna* – an abbreviation for *I want to*. Do not forget about the British *colour* and the American *color*, because there are abbreviations not only in phrases, but even in simple words. These spelling differences date back to Noah Webster's work on the American Dictionary of the English Language, in which he documented uniform standards for American English.

From a grammatical point of view, we can say that American English tends to simplify forms more, just like Americans themselves are constantly looking for ways to make their life easier. Americans do not bother and do not over complicate sentences at times Perfect, even with such classic time markers as *just* and *already* they use the usual Past Simple, while the British will consider this use to be erroneous and will definitely say such a sentence in Present Perfect.

To sum up, the culture of a nation reflects not only the difference in languages, but also the difference in pronunciation. The more time will pass, the more the American version will differ from the British one due to a variety of factors, despite the same origin.

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INTERNET SLANG IN MODERN COMMUNICATION

Интернет сленг в современной коммуникации

The Internet has become a means of communication for many people. Visiting various websites, forums, chat rooms, communicating by email, you can notice that in virtual space English words are often used inappropriately.

The purpose of this work is to identify the nature and peculiarities of special distortion of English words in the virtual space of the Internet.

Direct spoken communication continues to be the most important sphere of language functioning, so linguists have actively started to study and analyze direct live communication between people. Spoken language is in a sense the minimal