CONCEPTUALIZATION OF INTELLIGENCE AND STUPIDITY IN BULGARIAN AND ROMANIAN PHRASEOLOGY

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In this paper we focus on some of the most important features of idioms, motivation and compositionality, in particular. The introductory part deals with theoretical aspects of the new linguistic discipline known as cognitive studies. From a cognitive point of view, idioms are figurative linguistic units which exist at the intersection point of language, cognition and culture. The main idea, which we support, is that of Dobrovol'skij, one of the first linguists to apply the theory of conceptual metaphors in idiom analysis. In the second part of the paper we continue – as stated in the introduction – with an analysis of some Bulgarian and Romanian idioms that express the concept of intelligence or stupidity.

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