

Collective monograph
“The Speech Corpus as the Material for the Analysis of the Russian Speech”

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Summary

The collective monograph consists of three volumes:

- 1) Chast' 1. Chtenie. Pereskaz. Opisanie [Reading. Retelling. Picture Description] St Petersburg: Filologicheskij fakul'tet SPbGU, 2013. 532 p.
- 2) Chast' 2. Teoreticheskie i prakticheskie aspekty analiza. Tom 1. O nekotorykh osobennost'akh ustnoj spontanoj rechi raznogo tipa. Zvukovoj korpus kak material dl'a prepodavania russkogo jazyka v inostrannoj auditorii) [Part 2. Theoretic and Practical Aspects of Analysis. Volume 1. On Some Particularities of Spoken Spontaneous Speech of Various Kinds. Speech Corpus as the Material for Teaching Russian as a Foreign Language] St Petersburg: Filologicheskij fakul'tet SPbGU, 2014. 396 p.
- 3) Chast' 3. Teoreticheskie i prakticheskie aspekty analiza. Tom 2. Zvukovoj korpus kak material dl'a novykh leksikograficheskikh proektov) [Part 2. Theoretic and Practical Aspects of Analysis. Volume 2. Speech Corpus as the Material for New Lexicographical Research] St Petersburg: Filologicheskij fakul'tet SPbGU, 2015. 364 p.

The book summarizes ten years' research of many scholars who studied “real speech, its norm and realization”. It is based on The Speech Corpus of the Russian Language consisting of two modules: the Balanced annotated text database, or SAT (Sbalansirovannaya annotirovannaya tekstoteka), which includes experimental monologues, and One Speaker's Day (ORD; Odin Rechevoj Den) which represents real life dialogues and polylogues of native Russian speakers collected by the authors in the field.

The main authors who contributed to this book for many years has been working in a workshop headed by Natalia Bogdanova-Beglarian (Bogdanova), and they have approached the issues of spoken speech from many directions. The contributors are PhD students, bachelors and masters of linguistics who wrote their theses on the data from the Speech Corpus. The area of their interests is very broad. The book comprises all the findings of the said researchers, summarizing it and laying out the questions for prospective investigations.

The first part of the research mostly appeals to the SAT data and it describes the principal types of spontaneous monologues (reading, retelling, description) which are largely motivated by a text stimulus.

Chapter 1 is dedicated to the fundamental issues of studying and describing spoken speech, many of which are illustrated with the data from the Speech Corpus.

Chapter 2 focuses on the concept and the principals of creating the Speech Corpus and outlines the main features of its modules.

Chapters 3-5 are made from the corpus data (SAT). They focus on the main types of spontaneous monologues (reading, retelling, description).

The second part of the collective monograph consists of two volumes where further findings of the speech research are represented. Some of them are general notions on the data of the corpus (SAT module, including the speakers' stories on the topic provided by the researcher, and ORD module), the others study the data of the corpus as a base for teaching Russian as a foreign language (chapter 7) or its lexicographical studies (chapter 8).

These books can be of interest to all the scholars studying speech, and the data they represent (real spoken text in Russian, texts of various types, genres, topics and speakers) may become the teaching material of the new generation, a great base for teaching the language to any audience, including non-Russian speakers.