The semantic type of predicate as a cognitive construct in the sentences that characterize a person’s appearance

The article deals with the semantic types of predicates as mental constructions, at the same time making the case for supporting the idea of the Grammar of Constructions that the meaning of the verb is formed as a cognitive construction in which it is used. The above proposition is considered drawing on the examples of the English sentences containing descriptions of a person’s appearance. The article analyzes a number of semantic types of predicates identified in the sentences that provide a description of a person’s appearance: Action, Action-Process, Process, Resultatives, Predicates of being in space, predicates of Property and Evaluation. The analysis of the linguistic material represented in the article has allowed to propose a hypothesis that the predicates used in the sentences describing a person’s appearance have a combined semantic structure, consisting of a combination of characteristics of several semantic types of predicates.

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