

KOGNITÍV PSZICHOLÓGIAI SZEMPONTOK A NYELVI ÉRINTKEZÉS VIZSGÁLATÁBAN

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The paper is dealing with the semantic change of the borrowings on cognitive basis. The examined area is the Romanian-Hungarian language contact. (More than 4400 borrowings and code-switching items were investigated). A few cognitive psychological viewpoints are taken into account in order to clarify certain semantic tendencies and to find a better explanatory base for the analyzed phenomena. These viewpoints are the following: 1. the basic level categories in connection with meaning, narrowing and widening, 2. prototypical effect and meaning extension, 3. connectionism and concept structure, 4. scripts and schemas as sources of certain meaning change. These standpoints proved to be applicable and fruitful in the examined domain.

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