

The main objectives of the work was to study the extralingvistic reasons for borrowing, extention and persistence of the French words in the Russian language, to create a dictionary of french lexical borrowings taken on russian language system (available as supplement of the thesis, volume two) and on the basis of comparison of the french words and their russian equivalentents to generalize the rules of assimilation of french lexical borrowings into the Russian language from the different linguistic points of view – phonetic, graphic, morphological, semantic.

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