

Grice's Cooperative principle in Relation to Leech's Politeness Principle

Abstract: The purpose of this work is to confront the theoretical knowledge of the cooperative principle of H. P. Grice and the politeness principle of G. N. Leech with practical examples from the interviews of various communication situations. The work includes characteristic of both principles based on review of the literature and is supplemented by expert commentaries. Material for practical work contains excerpts from recordings of conversations in private and public situations. Subsequent analysis of records shows tendencies which normally appear in accepting and not accepting cooperative and politeness principle. The survey results showed a high level of violation of both mentioned principles.

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