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## THE USE OF PORTMANTEAU WORDS IN THE MODERN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Language is a unique phenomenon that can be called a universal mediator among people of different ages, interests, social backgrounds, characters. Language is rich tapestry of sounds, letters, words, sentences. By means of language we can reveal the "character" of this or that country, realize the essence of its distinctiveness.

People are the main creators of language, they arrange it to their needs and demands. Such a linguistic phenomenon as a portmanteau word is an example when people combine two split words to name a new notion or idea. Do you know that the word "smog" is the mixture of two split words "smoke" and "fog"? What about "a motel"? The word is two in one: "a motorist" and "a hotel" like coffee. Doesn't it sound marvelous? Each component gives the part of its meaning to name a new notion or phenomenon. In a portmanteau word two parts interplay to stand for a new thing, quality.

The practical value of our work consists in the fact that English learners, speakers should know portmanteau words, their meanings to feel at ease while reading English texts, while communicating in English. Not any English learner knows what the word "brunch" means. It can be confused with the word "branch" – a part of a tree, but it is not the case. "Brunch" is the type of a meal which is the combination of breakfast and lunch and it is eaten in the late morning. We even don't realize that a word which we pronounce can be a portmanteau word, the combination of two separate parts but it can stand for one idea, notion.

The hypothesis is that portmanteau words are widely used in the modern English language.

The object of our research is the investigation of the use of portmanteau words in the modern English language. The research subject is portmanteau words in the Modern English language. The aim of our work is to prove that portmanteau words are widely used by English speakers in different spheres of life.

The goals of our work are the following:

- To define the notion of a portmanteau word;
- To consider the reasons for what portmanteau words appear in the English language and come into use;
- To name semantic groups of portmanteau words;
- To give examples of the most wide-spread portmanteau words.

While studying the topic of our research we have resorted to different methods: analysis, comparative methods, generalization and classification.

Portmanteau words are quite popular to name new plants and animals because scientists experiment and produce different plants, animals that have never existed before. To be more exact, they crossbreed the existing species to get something unusual.

Portmanteau words make our language expressive. When we hear them, we focus our

attention on concrete notions. Portmanteau words are vivid makers of sense, they name ideas expressively.

Portmanteau words are small gifts that help us to name new phenomena in a laconic way. They make us think because when we see a new portmanteau word we try to guess what it can mean analyzing its components.

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## **THE USE OF MODERN TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE STUDY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN NON-LINGUISTIC UNIVERSITIES**

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In the era of globalization, lifelong education is an important condition for the dynamic development of society, which must quickly and effectively respond to all the challenges of the 21st century. Every year, more and more varieties of methods and forms of distance learning with the use of new information technologies appear in the field of teaching a foreign language.

The main goal of teaching a foreign language in a non-linguistic university is the development of a student's personality, capable and willing to participate in intercultural communication in the target language and independently improve the foreign language speech.

The main subject of studying a foreign language is the development of all types of speech activity. The discipline "Foreign language" in a non-linguistic university often causes difficulty among students, since universities prepare their graduates directly for practical activities in various specialties.

Students of such universities sometimes experience a decrease in motivation to learn a foreign language. And motivation has a significant impact on the effectiveness of teaching foreign languages.

To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of teaching a foreign language, as well as to motivate students to learn it, teachers need to carefully select educational material and apply it correctly.

Learning success depends on the methods that the teacher uses to achieve the goals.

The introduction of information technology in education significantly diversifies the process of perception and processing of information.

The use of multimedia in foreign language classes is of great help to teachers. This method makes classes more interesting, stimulates students' activity to think logically, helps to solve many problems of the modern educational system, various methods and forms of presenting educational material contribute to the availability of assimilation of the studied material.

One of the most popular apps for learning English is Duolingo. It helps to practice speaking, writing and listening, as well as expand student's vocabulary with each lesson.