

THE ROLE OF MILITARY TERMS IN LEXICOGRAPHY

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Abstract Military terminology has played a significant role in shaping language, influencing lexicography across different historical and cultural contexts. This article examines the integration of military terms into general and specialized dictionaries, their evolution, and their impact on everyday language. The study explores how lexicographers document and standardize military vocabulary, analyzing its role in communication, technical discourse, and cultural expression. The findings highlight the significance of military lexicon in lexicography and its dynamic nature in response to technological and strategic developments.

Key words: military terminology, lexicography, semantic changes, standardization, historical evolution, linguistic impact, military discourse, general language use, lexicographers, classification, weaponry

РОЛЬ ВОЕННЫХ ТЕРМИНОВ В ЛЕКСИКОГРАФИИ

Аннотация Военная терминология сыграла значительную роль в формировании языка, влияя на лексикографию в различных исторических и культурных контекстах. В этой статье рассматривается интеграция военных терминов в общие и специализированные словари, их эволюция и их влияние на повседневный язык. В исследовании изучается, как лексикографы документируют и стандартизируют военную лексику, анализируя ее роль в коммуникации, техническом дискурсе и культурном выражении. Результаты подчеркивают значимость военной лексики в лексикографии и ее динамическую природу в ответ на технологические и стратегические разработки.

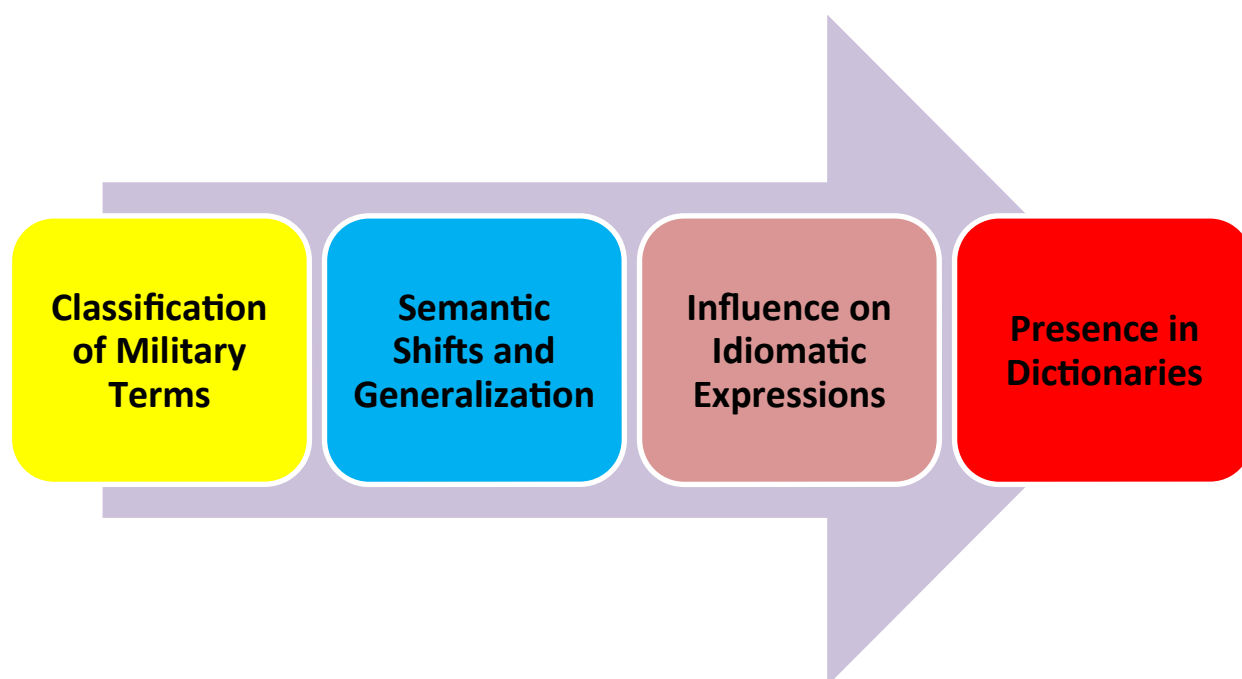
Ключевые слова: военная терминология, лексикография, семантические изменения, стандартизация, историческая эволюция, лингвистическое воздействие, военный дискурс, общее использование языка, лексикографы, классификация, вооружение

Introduction Military terminology constitutes a substantial part of linguistic resources due to its precision, clarity, and historical significance. Throughout history, military operations, strategies, and advancements have necessitated the creation and adaptation of new terms. These terms not only influence military discourse but also permeate general language use. Lexicographers play a crucial role in documenting and standardizing military vocabulary, ensuring accurate definitions and contextual usage. This study explores the integration of military terms in lexicography, analyzing their linguistic impact and the challenges faced in their documentation and classification.

Methodology This research employs a qualitative approach, analyzing military terminology in various lexicographic sources, including general and specialized dictionaries. Data is collected from historical and contemporary lexicons, military glossaries, and linguistic corpora to assess the evolution and standardization of military terms. Comparative analysis is conducted to examine changes in meaning, usage, and adaptation of military terminology across different linguistic contexts. Additionally, expert opinions from lexicographers and military linguists are reviewed to understand challenges in compiling military lexicons.

Results Findings indicate that military terms have undergone significant semantic changes over time, with many becoming part of everyday language. Words like "strategy," "troop," and "camouflage" have expanded beyond their original military context. The analysis also reveals that technological advancements and geopolitical shifts influence the introduction and adaptation of new military terms. For instance, modern military operations have introduced terms such as "cyber warfare" and "drone strikes." Lexicographers face challenges in maintaining the relevance and accuracy of military terminology due to rapid

developments in military technology and tactics. Furthermore, differences in military terminology across languages highlight the need for standardized translations in bilingual and multilingual lexicography.



1. **Classification of Military Terms:** Military terms can be classified into different categories, such as weaponry, strategy, ranks, tactics, and logistics. These terms often originate from classical languages (Latin, Greek) and evolve through cultural interactions and technological developments.

2. **Semantic Shifts and Generalization:** Many military terms undergo semantic broadening. For example, the term *campaign* initially referred to military operations but is now widely used in marketing and politics.

3. **Influence on Idiomatic Expressions:** Military expressions such as *under siege*, *frontline*, and *battle-tested* have integrated into everyday language, influencing metaphorical and figurative speech.

4. **Presence in Dictionaries:** General dictionaries frequently include military terms due to their widespread usage. Specialized military lexicons provide more detailed definitions and technical explanations, demonstrating the importance of lexicography in preserving and standardizing such terminology.

Discussion The role of military terms in lexicography extends beyond military-specific dictionaries. The influence of these terms on political, social, and technological discourse necessitates continuous updating and standardization. Military terms often carry connotations shaped by historical and cultural contexts, requiring lexicographers to provide nuanced definitions. Additionally, military jargon and acronyms pose challenges in documentation, as their meanings can change rapidly with evolving military strategies. The study underscores the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration between lexicographers, linguists, and military experts to ensure accurate representation and interpretation of military terminology.

Conclusion. Military terminology remains an essential component of lexicography, influencing language evolution and communication. The continuous development of military strategies and technology necessitates constant updates in military lexicons. Lexicographers play a critical role in documenting, standardizing, and contextualizing military terms to ensure their accurate usage in both military and general discourse. Future research should explore the impact of emerging military technologies on language development and the challenges of maintaining linguistic consistency in military lexicography.

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