

The Classification of Place Names According to Their Motivation (Okriba Materials)

Summary

The work represents the classification of place names according to their motivation; the analysis of Okriba materials has revealed that the name of the place to be denoted might be motivated according to: a relief feature (direct reflection, metaphorical reflection), the spatial relation of the place to be denoted, shape (soil, raw materials), function, property, colour, meteorological feature, the relation of the place to be denoted and an appellation, the quantity of appellatives, a cult construction, some case connected with the place to be denoted, etc.

By means of comparing the motivational classifications of the place names of various regions interesting conclusions will be received from the standpoint of characteristic features of the linguistic worldview of ethnic groups, communities; contacts (substratum and superstratum); sociolinguistics; psychology; history, etc.