

**PLAY ON WORDS AND MORPHEMIC REPETITION:  
DIFFERENT MEANINGS OF MORPHEMICALLY RELATED  
WORDS AS CONTESTANTS OF A COMIC CONTROVERSY**

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The article considers interrelation of such syntagmatic phenomena as play on words and morphemic repetition in English artistic prose. Linguistic interplay is based on divisibility of a word with a morphemically complex structure. Different meanings of a structurally divisible word function as contestants of a comic controversy with no preference given to either participant in the interplay.