

COMPARISON OF VARIANTS AND LINGUISTIC CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY OF FOLKLORE TEXTS

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The variation of folk texts is a necessary condition for their preservation and active existence. In analyzing cumulative tales which are built on multiple repetitions of the same item there arises a problem of comparing variants of such texts and of linguistic proof of their identity and distinction. In the article the author focuses on lexical paradigms of the variants of a cumulative fairy tale "The death of cock". On the basis of a meta-language, which makes it possible through presenting the text in a brief form to establish the identity of the texts of the above structure and to restore the original text by unfolding its brief version, a data base is created, which allows the researcher to analyze and compare folklore text of cumulative structure. This meta-language creates invariant comparing variants of folk texts.