

STYLISTIC LAYERS OF THE ENGLISH VOCABULARY



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	I. Colloquial words	



Colloquialisms are informal words which are used in everyday conversational speech

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Slang – language of a highly colloquial style, considered as below the level of educated speech, and consisting of current words whose meanings have been metaphorically shifted

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Dialect – a regional form of the
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Obsolete words – those which have completely gone out of use at least for a century

Archaisms – words which are partly or fully out of circulation

Historisms – words denoting objects and phenomena which no longer exist

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Terminology – the sum total of terms for a specific branch of science, technology, etc., forming a special layer in the word-stock of the language.

Term – a word or a word-combination which is created or borrowed to express the definite concepts specific for a particular science.



Basic peculiarities of terms

- Definability
- Lack of emotional connotations
- Monosemy

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Basic vocabulary

- Stylistic neutrality
- Lack of any connotations
- Broad, general, direct meanings
- Mixed character