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გემონომიული ლექსიპა გემოიმერულში Gastronomic Vocabulary In upper imeretian sub-dialect

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ABSTRACT

It is widely recognized that the foundation of every language lies in its grammatical structure and lexis, with gastronomic vocabulary serving as an integral and significant component. Such vocabulary tangibly reflects the specific characteristics of life, history, and culture of various ethnic groups.

The semantic and functional features of food-related vocabulary used by different peoples serve as expressions of both linguistic-cultural similarities and differences. These features characterize certain typological groups or genetic units of languages, which are influenced by factors such as geographical location, climatic conditions, religious customs, and other factors.

The interaction of culture and language is clearly and prominently evident in gastronomic vocabulary, making it particularly interesting for linguocultural studies. In this regard, Georgian cuisine is undoubtedly fascinating, as it boasts a rich and diverse array of traditional dishes characteristic of various regions of Georgia.

It should also be noted that the Georgian gastronomic vocabulary has not been thoroughly studied yet. Therefore, research in this direction is necessary, especially given the rapid pace of scientific and technical progress and the resulting changes in and improvements of the conditions of human life, work, and existence. These changes are also reflected in gastronomic vocabulary.

Currently, our focus is on the existing gastronomic vocabulary, thematic groups within the food-related vocabulary, and lexical-semantic aspects in the Upper Imeretian sub-dialect.

Food-related vocabulary is also interesting in terms of how it is expressed in conversational speech through separate expressions, phrases, or phraseologisms, which relate to the lexical-semantic aspect.

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