

THE PREPOSITION *APIE* IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE

Summary

The aim of the article is to discuss cases of the occurrence, frequency and competition of the preposition *apie* in the administrative language. The discussion is based on the analysis of the preposition *apie* meanings in both dictionaries and other linguistic works.

As outlined in the studied dictionaries, constructions with the preposition *apie* are used to indicate the following: the object of speech or thought; an approximate time, measure, quantity; the object or place of action; a feature of the object or phenomenon (when the preposition is used with nouns).

In the administrative language, constructions with the preposition *apie* are most often used with verbs to indicate the object of speech or thought, whereas constructions with nouns are used to indicate features. Their frequency is determined by semantic properties, i.e. the possibility to convey the content of a message, which is vitally important in the administrative language. Other meanings are less frequent in the administrative language due to the particularity of this language type usage. Although various limitations for the preposition *apie* usage are outlined in language usage publications, due to its semantics, this preposition is much needed and may not always be replaced with competing means of expression.

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