

LECTURE

INTERDISCIPLINARITY IN VOCABULARY: EDUCATIONAL-, PROFESSIONAL- AND SCIENTIFIC LANGUAGE FROM AN EMPIRICAL PERSPECTIVE

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The usage of language in areas of education, profession, or science is especially associated with subject-specific means of expression such as terminology. However, a quantitatively more important role in these areas of communication is played by the rather inconspicuous words that seem to be close to the common language. They are very diverse in meaning and function and often represent a greater challenge from the perspective of learners than technical terms. The lecture presents empirical results on interdisciplinary vocabulary in highlights from the fields of education, profession, and science and illustrates them with a variety of language examples.



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