

ON THE INDEPENDENT STATUS OF PARTICIPLES

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The paper presents an account of participles as an independent class of lexemes on the basis of their morphemic structure. The participial morphemes *-л* and *-и/-м* in the structure of the so-called past perfect active and past passive participles are treated as primary expressors of resultative and passive semantics. These morphemes are not only word-forming segments but also indicators of grammatical semantics. This is an important argument for the exclusion of participles both from the verbal and from the adjectival system as proposed by Kutsarov (Куцаров/Kutsarov 2012). In addition, I present models for the morphemic segmentation of adjectives, verbs and participles.

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