

ON THE LINGUISTIC FORM OF MULTIWORD TERMS

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The number of multiword terms across various fields of knowledge has significantly increased, drawing greater attention from terminologists regarding their linguistic form. The high frequency of use of these terms is primarily due to their ability to clearly, accurately and comprehensively reflect all aspects and characteristics of concepts and phenomena. In the case of multiword terms, a remarkable variety of formal-structural models can be observed. The article provides numerous examples to illustrate this. The conclusions drawn are twofold. First, in many fields of knowledge, the use of single-word terms is declining, while the prominence of multiword terminology is on the rise. Second, the length of these terms can complicate communication, leading to sentences that are excessively long and unclear. However, abbreviations should be used with caution as they may compromise the completeness of the information. Many experts advocate for the adoption of abbreviated forms, arguing that this is justified from the perspective of communicative convenience. This raises the question: where lies the balance, and is it possible to find it?

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