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*ABBREVIATING AND ABBREVIATIONS*

*AS A PROBLEM OF NORM'S CODIFICATION*

*The article examines the issue of codification of the abbreviations in literary Bulgarian language. The practice of the last 3 spelling dictionaries in this area is observed in terms of their differences. The phenomena that are a problem and task of the contemporary codification of the graphic abbreviations are identified. The article presents a typology of the ways to graphical shortening the words and of the signs which mark the abbreviation in literary Bulgarian. The space between abbreviated words and between the abbreviated and the non-abbreviated words is especially commentd. The article comments that among the lexical abbreviations only the acronyms are an object of codification. The article critically considers the problem of the place of various traditional abbreviations in the literary Bulgarian language and discusses new phenomena into the area of the abbreviations in contemporary practice of the literary language.*