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*PARALLEL WORDS IN THE OFFICIAL BULGARIAN SPELLING DICTIONARY*

*The article analyses “parallel words” in “The Official Bulgarian Spelling Dictionary” (Prosveta, Sofia, 2012). They are called “parallel” because they coexist in the official spelling dictionary without being defined as doublets. The aim of our research is to classify them, analysing their meaning by the use of three dictionaries of Bulgarian Language, viz. The Dictionary of Bulgarian Language vols. 1 – 14 (edition of the Institute of Bulgarian Language at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences); The Dictionary of Bulgarian Language (Nauka i izkustvo, Sofia, 1995) and The Dictionary of Bulgarian Language (Iztok-Zapad, Sofia, 2012). It has been concluded that part of these words are doublets and ought to be marked as such in the next edition of the spelling dictionary, whereas others are actually archaic or dialect forms of the same word, and third ones can be viewed as synonymous but only in terms of some of their meanings.*

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