

Cross-lingual interactions during the recognition of abstract and specific words

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We studied the nature of language switching at the level of recognition of isolated words. Russian-speaking subjects with varying degrees of ownership of a second language (English) were presented either Russian or English, or both words that it was necessary to classify as abstract or concrete. In addition to differences in time required to perform this task in different experimental conditions, the effect has been found, "a mixed list," when isolated words of the second language recognized more quickly if they were mixed with the words of the first language. In the case of words of the first language this effect was absent. These interpreted in the context of the proposed model interlingual interactions.

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