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SPEECH ACTS OF REQUEST IN POLISH AND RUSSIAN POSTCARD MESSAGES

ABSTRACT *The aim of this article is to analyze and compare Polish and Russian speech acts of request observed in messages sent on postcards. The presented analysis is a continuation of research into pragmatic as well as cultural aspects of postcard texts. The considerations presented in the article lead us to conclude that both similarities and differences can be found in Polish and Russian speech acts of request. For instance, one can observe discrepancies in their location within the structure of postcard messages. As far as similarities are concerned, the analysis shows among others that the basic form of speech acts of request in the messages written in both languages are sentences with imperative verb forms. The practice of expressing requests directly and explicitly might be caused by the small size of the postcard, but it can also be the result of symmetrical relationships between interaction partners.*

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