

LOAN WORDS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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ABSTRACT

The word globalization has gained popularity since 1980's. The effects of globalization are seen in many aspects of the society including language. In the process of globalization, many cultures and languages come in contact with each other. Borrowings or loan is the most common phenomenon when two languages come in contact. China was secluded from the rest of the world for a long period of time in history, and thus its language developed in a unique way without much being influenced by any foreign languages. However, the phenomenon of globalization also made China to come in contact with foreign cultures and foreign languages as well. English being international language and being the language of power very soon influenced and lured Chinese population. Besides, Chinese people also realized the necessity of learning English, which is an internationally recognized language. In the course of learning, many English words or the transliteration of many English words occupied a dominant place in the Chinese language system. The paper aims to find out how foreign words, especially English words and what forms of English words made a significant position in the Chinese language system.

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