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*An interjection as a part of speech – a cognitive approach*

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### **Summary**

The aim of the article is to characterize a category called interjection. The paper consists of three chapters. The first one provides an introduction to the subject matter related to word class of interjections. The author identifies their place in the various classifications of parts of speech and remarks that those divisions are based on the classical model of category. In the second part the author proves that using the cognitive approach to category which was developed by psychologists is more productive since it enables us to explore phenomena which were neglected because of their complexity and heterogeneity. The author builds a definition of interjections as lexical items which are autonomous, syntactically independent and similar in terms of phonological and semantic features (they are conceptualized in the domains of feelings, movement, sound and scripts). Finally, a summary of research results is provided.