

# STYLISTIC LEXICOLOGY

## Lecture 2

# Vocabulary division by Pr. M. U. Skrebnev

- Basic words (neutral, not stylistically colored)
- Super-neutral words
- Sub-neutral words

# Super-neutral words

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- Solemn words and poetic words
- Archaisms
- Bookish words
- Foreign words

# Sub-neutral words

- Colloquial words
- Jargon words (cant)
- Slang
- Nonce –words
- Vulgar-words



# Dialect words

E.g. Cockney (English literature)

a) Diphthong [ei] is replaced by [ai] *to sy, to py*

b) Diphthong [au] is replaced by [a:] *nah then* –instead of “now then”

c) [e] instead of [a] - *menners ,thank you*

d) “ing” is pronounced [n] – *sittin’ , standin’*

# STYLISTIC DIFFERENTIATION OF THE ENGLISH VOCABULARY

## STYLISTICALLY-NEUTRAL WORDS

- **A. Formal Words:**
  - • **learned words;**
  - • **archaisms;**
  - • **professional terms**

## STYLISTICALLY-MARKED WORDS

- **B. Informal Words:**
  - • **colloquial words;**
  - • **slang;**
  - • **dialect words**

# A. Formal Words:

## 1. Learned words (bookish)

- · **scientific prose words** – *experimental, divergent, homogeneous*
- · **“officialese”** – *assist, approximately, sufficient*
- · **literary words** – *solitude, fascination, cordial*
- · **modes of poetic diction** –  
*On rippling Stream, or cloud-reflecting Lake!  
And looking to the Heaven, that bends above you,  
How oft! I bless the Lot that made me love you.*

# A. Formal Words:

## 1. Archaisms

- • **obsolete words** –anon (*at once*); haply (*perhaps*); to dolve (*to dig*), to ween (*to suppose*);
- • **archaisms proper** –hither (*here*); thither (*there*); hath (*has*);
- • **historical words** – vassal; baldric



## A. Formal Words: 3. Professional Terminology

- They are words and phrases used by professional groups of people
- E.G. (*natural rubber, molecular weight, polyester, polyamide, rubber elasticity*)

## B. Informal words 1. Colloquial words

- • **literary colloquial** – *some sort of, chap, to have a good time, in a way ;*
- • **familiar colloquial** – *doc, to kid, to pick up somebody;*
- • **low colloquial** - *bloody, damn*

## B. Informal words 1. Slang

- Slang is everything that is not included into the textbooks. *ok, oh, boy, shit*

## B. Informal words 1. Dialect words

- Scottish dialect : *lass* (girl), *lad* (boy).