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**DENTAL WORD FORMATION**

**IN THE KARACHAY-BALKAR LANGUAGE**

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*The article discusses word-formation models with the participation of the key multifunctional component* ***“tish”*** *- "tooth" in the Karachay-Balkar language. This number includes a group of animal-breeding terms formed with the core word* ***tish*** *"tooth" and a number of special words and phrases associated with humans. Scientific versions and conclusions are confirmed by examples from ancient Turkic monuments, folklore and works of Karachay and Balkar classics of literature; they are also enshrined in proverbs, sayings, riddles, phraseological units. This method of forming compound words, used for the first time in this article, is conventionally called dental (from Lat. Dens, dentis "tooth"). Possible fixation and interpretation of such words in dictionaries of various types, as well as their lexicographic development, are considered.*

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