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### “Forms of address”

Communication is fundamental to the existence and survival of humans. It is a process of creating and sharing ideas, thoughts, information and feelings from one person or group to another. People who communicate effectively use their skills and different means of the language. They frequently communicate in a great amount of contexts and with diverse audiences. It is obvious that forms of address are among the most significant markers of communicating. We are all aware of the fact that languages are changing through the time. So, it is quite actual to study this topic for better understanding modern tendencies, which are based on the history of the language.

It seems exciting to us to write a research paper, in which we could observe the evolution of address forms from the 16 century till the middle of the 20 century.

The aim of this project is to learn about a lot of different address forms people used in the English language and identify the most popular of them. For the analysis, we have chosen four works of the English literature: “Romeo and Juliet” by William Shakespeare, “Maurice Guest” by Henry Richardson, “The battle of life” by Charles Dickens and “Candida” by Bernard Shaw. We have tried to analyze the differences between the forms of address they used. These differences, however, are based on the fact that all these writers worked in various periods of time| and that literary works belong to two different genres: novels and plays.

While studying the literary works we have used the following research methods:

1. of comparative analysis
2. of literary and linguistic analysis

In our research paper we tried to choose the most popular forms of address and then distributed them in four categories:

- Forms address connected with related relationships
- Tender and friendly forms of address
- Polite forms of address
- Offensive forms of address

Besides, we tried to explain the reasons of the differences. Overall, we can make a conclusion, that our language is a constantly developing phenomenon and forms of address being an essential part of it are in this process as well. It is

connected with changes in our social life and in culture. In addition, this research could be useful and informative for students of the philological departments, for people who are keen on peculiarities of the English language itself.