Report “Corpus-based assessment of additional features for automated evaluation with the help of REALEC Inspector.”

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Nowadays automated essay scoring is becoming more and more popular. Russian Error-Annotated Learner English Corpus (REALEC) was set up at the School of Linguistics, HSE, as a pedagogical tool for EFL instructors who teach a course of general English, which includes preparation for IELTS-type examination. Now our research group is developing REALEC Inspector, the program created specifically for REALEC. The aim of our research is to determine some criteria for automated essay scoring to be included in REALEC Inspector, and also to help both students and teachers in foreign language acquisition process. Namely, it allows teachers to spend less time grading student works and gives authors of learner texts feedback within seconds. Our hypothesis is that the mark of an essay correlates with the amount of the following forms of the verbs used in this essay: gerund, to+infinitive, and the Past Participle form. We are sure that due to our research students will find it easier to upgrade writing skills necessary for examination essays.