

ENGLISH QUOTATIONS AND THEIR TRANSLATION INTO UZBEK: LINGUISTIC NATURE, CULTURAL CHALLENGES, AND TRANSLATION STRATEGIES

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Abstract. This article explores the linguistic nature of quotations and their role as a specific type of “alien speech” within discourse, focusing on the challenges of translating English quotations into Uzbek. The research highlights the importance of cultural competence and pragmatic adequacy in achieving effective translation outcomes. Through illustrative examples, the paper demonstrates how dynamic equivalence ensures accurate meaning transfer across languages.

Key words: quotation, translation theory, equivalence, pragmatics, cultural context, linguistic analysis, Uzbek language, English language, semantic transformation, grammatical transformation, dynamic equivalence.

Аннотация. В данной статье рассматривается лингвистическая природа цитат как особого вида «чужой речи» и анализируются проблемы их перевода с английского языка на узбекский. Особое внимание уделяется эквивалентности, прагматической адекватности и культурной адаптации.

Ключевые слова: цитата, перевод, эквивалентность, прагматика, культурный контекст, трансформация, узбекский язык, английский язык, семантика, грамматика.

Annotatsiya. Mazkur maqolada iqtiboslarning lingvistik tabiati hamda ularni ingliz tilidan o‘zbek tiliga tarjima qilish muammolari tahlil qilinadi. Ekvivalentlik, madaniy moslashuv va pragmatik moslik asosiy tushunchalar sifatida ko‘rib chiqiladi.

Kalit so‘zlar: iqtibos, tarjima, ekvivalentlik, pragmatika, madaniyat, ingliz tili, o‘zbek tili, semantika, transformatsiya, grammatik o‘zgarish.

Quotation as a linguistic phenomenon occupies a distinctive position in discourse, as it reflects the reproduction of another speaker’s utterance within a new communicative context. It is often defined as a form of “alien speech,” where the original voice is preserved while being embedded into a different textual environment. This dual nature makes quotations particularly complex units for translation, as they simultaneously function as linguistic structures and cultural carriers. In translation studies, the issue of equivalence has been widely discussed as a fundamental principle guiding the transfer of meaning between languages [11]. However, quotations challenge traditional notions of equivalence because they are deeply rooted in the cultural, historical, and stylistic frameworks of the source language. As a result, the translator must go beyond literal meaning and consider pragmatic intent, stylistic nuance, and cultural relevance. The translation of English quotations into Uzbek is especially significant due to the typological and cultural differences between the two languages. English, as an analytic language, relies heavily on word order and auxiliary elements, whereas Uzbek, an agglutinative language, expresses grammatical relationships through suffixation [3]. These structural differences require careful transformation during translation. Moreover, quotations often include idiomatic expressions, metaphorical language, and culturally specific references, which may not have direct equivalents in the target language [12]. Therefore, the translator must employ a range of strategies to ensure that the translated quotation retains its communicative function and impact. This study aims to examine the linguistic nature of

quotations, identify the main challenges in their translation, and analyze effective strategies for translating English quotations into Uzbek.

Quotations are not merely repetitions of speech but complex linguistic units that carry semantic, stylistic, and pragmatic information. From a linguistic perspective, they belong to the category of reported speech, yet they differ significantly from indirect speech due to their preservation of original wording and structure. This preservation creates a unique challenge for translators, as they must maintain both the form and the function of the original utterance[4]. The concept of quotation as “alien speech” emphasizes its external origin within the text. According to linguistic theory, quoted speech introduces a secondary voice that coexists with the author’s voice. This duality requires the translator to distinguish between different levels of discourse and to maintain this distinction in the target language. Failure to do so may result in the loss of stylistic authenticity and authorial intent. One of the primary challenges in translating quotations is achieving equivalence. Equivalence is not limited to lexical correspondence but extends to functional and pragmatic dimensions[11]. For example, the English quotation “Actions speak louder than words” may be translated into Uzbek as “Amal so‘zdan ustun,” which preserves both meaning and communicative effect[9]. However, such equivalence is not always possible, especially when dealing with culturally bound expressions. Cultural differences represent another significant challenge in quotation translation. Quotations often reflect the values, beliefs, and historical experiences of a particular culture. When these elements are transferred into another language, they may lose their relevance or become difficult to understand. For instance, the quotation “The pen is mightier than the sword” conveys a metaphorical meaning that may require explanation or adaptation in Uzbek to fully convey its significance[12].

To address these challenges, translators employ various strategies. Literal translation is the most straightforward approach, aiming to preserve the original form and content. However, it is not always effective, particularly when the quotation contains idiomatic or metaphorical language. In such cases, adaptation becomes necessary, allowing the translator to modify the expression to suit the cultural context of the target audience. Dynamic equivalence, a concept introduced by Nida, plays a crucial role in quotation translation. It focuses on producing the same effect on the target audience as the original text does on its audience[1]. This approach is particularly useful when translating quotations that carry emotional or rhetorical significance. By prioritizing communicative impact over formal similarity, dynamic equivalence ensures that the translated quotation remains meaningful and engaging. Lexical-semantic transformations are also essential in the translation process. These transformations involve changes in word choice, meaning extension, or reduction to achieve clarity and naturalness. For example, certain English words may have multiple meanings, requiring the translator to select the most appropriate equivalent in Uzbek based on context[13]. Grammatical transformations are equally important, as they address structural differences between languages. English relies on fixed word order, while Uzbek uses a more flexible structure with suffixes indicating grammatical relationships. As a result, translators often need to restructure sentences to conform to the norms of the target language. Pragmatic adequacy is another key factor in quotation translation. It refers to the ability of the translation to convey the intended meaning and function of the original text[13]. This includes maintaining tone, style, and communicative intent. For example, humorous or ironic quotations must be translated in a way that preserves their effect on the audience. The training of translation skills is essential for mastering the translation of quotations. Translators must develop a deep understanding of both source and target languages, as well as cultural

competence. Practice with authentic texts and exposure to different translation strategies can enhance their ability to handle complex linguistic and cultural challenges.

The translation of English quotations into Uzbek represents a multifaceted process that involves linguistic, cultural, and pragmatic considerations. The successful translation of quotations requires a comprehensive approach that integrates linguistic knowledge, cultural awareness, and practical skills[3]. By applying appropriate strategies and maintaining a focus on pragmatic adequacy, translators can achieve high-quality translations that effectively bridge the gap between languages and cultures.

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