

LINGUACULTURAL FEATURES OF UZBEK PROVERBS AND THEIR ROLE IN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

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Abstract: Language and culture are closely linked. This connection is clear in proverbs. Proverbs reveal the traditions, values, and worldview of a society. The goal of this article is to explore the features of Uzbek proverbs and their significance in language and communication. We will focus on the meanings of proverbs and how they reflect the national mentality and moral values of the Uzbek people. Uzbek proverbs often share wisdom, life experiences, and social norms that have been passed down through generations. We will also compare some Uzbek proverbs with expressions in English to highlight both universal and culture-specific aspects of proverbial language. The results will show that proverbs are not just linguistic units; they are also important cultural markers that preserve collective knowledge and identity. Understanding proverbs can improve language learning and intercultural communication.

Keywords: linguoculture, proverbs, Uzbek language, cultural values, communication, linguistics

Annotatsiya: Til va madaniyat o'zaro chambarchas bog'liq. Bu bog'liqlik maqollarda yaqqol namoyon bo'ladi. Maqollar jamiyatning an'analari, qadriyatlari va dunyoqarashini aks ettiradi. Ushbu maqolaning maqsadi o'zbek maqollarining xususiyatlarini va ularning til hamda muloqotdagi ahamiyatini o'rganishdir. Unda maqollarning ma'nolari hamda ularning o'zbek xalqining milliy tafakkuri va axloqiy qadriyatlarini qanday aks ettirishi tahlil qilinadi. O'zbek maqollari ko'pincha avloddan-avlodga o'tib kelayotgan donolik, hayotiy tajriba va ijtimoiy me'yorlarni o'zida mujassam etadi. Shuningdek, ayrim o'zbek maqollari ingliz tilidagi ifodalar bilan taqqoslanib, maqol tilining umumiy va madaniyatga xos jihatlari yoritiladi. Natijalar shuni ko'rsatadiki, maqollar nafaqat lingvistik birliklar, balki jamoaviy bilim va milliy o'zlikni saqlovchi muhim madaniy belgilar hamdir. Maqollarni tushunish til o'rganish va madaniyatlararo muloqotni rivojlantirishga yordam beradi.

Kalit so'zlar: lingvomadaniyat, maqollar, o'zbek tili, madaniy qadriyatlar, muloqot, tilshunoslik

Language is not just a system of words and grammar. It also reflects culture, traditions, and social values [1]. Every nation expresses its worldview through language. One important element that shows the link between language and culture is proverbs. Proverbs are meaningful expressions containing the wisdom and experience of a community [4]. In Uzbek culture, proverbs play a significant role in everyday communication. People use them to give advice, express opinions, and teach lessons. Generations often use proverbs to guide younger people and explain social norms [7]. Because of their meanings, proverbs provide valuable material for linguistic and cultural research. The field of linguoculturology studies the relationship between language and culture. It focuses on how cultural concepts appear in linguistic units such as idioms,

metaphors, and proverbs. Uzbek proverbs are rich in meanings and serve as an important subject for linguocultural research.

The purpose of this article is to explore the features of Uzbek proverbs and to analyze how they reflect national values, traditions, and ways of thinking of the Uzbek people.

The Concept of Proverbs in Linguistics. In linguistics, proverbs are considered expressions that convey general truths or pieces of advice. They are usually short, metaphorical, and easy to remember. According to scholars, proverbs serve as carriers of cultural knowledge because they summarize the collective experience of society [4].

Proverbs exist in every language, and many cultures share similar ideas through them [3]. For example, the English proverb "Better late than never" expresses the idea that it is better to finish something late than not do it at all. This idea also appears in Uzbek culture, though it may be phrased differently in Uzbek proverbs. Despite similarities across cultures, many proverbs contain national elements. These elements reflect the history, lifestyle, and environment of a people. For instance, Uzbek proverbs often refer to agriculture, family relationships, and hospitality, which are central to Uzbek culture.

Linguocultural Characteristics of Uzbek Proverbs. Uzbek proverbs illustrate the connection between language and cultural values. Many proverbs emphasize respect for elders, the importance of work, honesty, patience, and wisdom. A well-known Uzbek proverb is "Yetti o'lchab, bir kes." This proverb advises people to think before making a decision. It reflects the value of patience and careful planning in Uzbek society. Another common proverb is "Mehnat qilgan to'yadi." This means "The one who works will be satisfied." It emphasizes the importance of work and responsibility in Uzbek society. Family values are also strongly reflected in Uzbek proverbs. For example, "Ota – tog', ona – bog'" symbolizes the role of parents in a person's life. It shows that family relationships are central to Uzbek culture and identity.

Nature and everyday life frequently appear in Uzbek proverbs. Since Uzbekistan has historically been an agricultural society, many proverbs include references to farming, seasons, and natural processes. These linguistic images illustrate how people see life through their environment. [6]

Cultural Values Reflected in Proverbs. Proverbs often express ethical values that guide people's behavior. In Uzbek culture, these values include respect, hospitality, modesty, and cooperation. For instance, the proverb "Yaxshi gap – jon ozig'i" means "Kind words are food for the soul." This highlights the importance of respectful communication. It teaches people that words have power and should be used carefully. Another proverb, "Birlik bor joyda – baraka bor," emphasizes the value of unity and cooperation. The idea is that when people work together, they achieve results and create harmony in society. Such proverbs play an important role in Uzbek society. Parents, teachers, and elders often use them to teach life lessons. Because proverbs are simple and memorable, they transmit values easily from one generation to the next.

Comparison with English Proverbs. Comparing Uzbek proverbs with English proverbs reveals similarities and differences in cultural thinking. Some proverbs share meanings, even if expressed differently. For example, the Uzbek proverb "Yetti o'lchab bir kes" is similar to the English proverb "Look before you leap." Both encourage people to think before acting. Another example is the Uzbek proverb "Mehnat qilgan to'yadi," which can be compared to the English expression "No pain, no gain." Both emphasize

the importance of effort and persistence. However, some proverbs convey ideas specific to one society. Uzbek proverbs often highlight family ties and community relationships, while English proverbs sometimes focus more on individual responsibility. These comparisons show that proverbs can reveal both common human values and unique cultural perspectives.

The Role of Proverbs in Language Learning. Understanding Uzbek proverbs can greatly enhance language learning. Proverbs help learners understand not just vocabulary and grammar but also cultural meanings. They introduce students to thinking and figurative language. For language learners, proverbs provide insight into how native speakers express ideas. Learning proverbs can therefore improve language skills and cultural awareness. Teachers can use proverbs in the classroom to promote discussion, critical thinking, and intercultural understanding. Students can compare proverbs from different languages and analyze their meanings. This process helps learners develop cultural knowledge.

In conclusion, Uzbek proverbs connect language and culture [5]. They contain the wisdom, traditions, and moral values of the Uzbek people. Through language and symbolic meaning, proverbs express the worldview and life experiences of Uzbek society.

The analysis of Uzbek proverbs shows that they reflect cultural values such as respect for elders, hard work, unity, and family relationships. Comparing Uzbek proverbs with English proverbs demonstrates that while some ideas are universal, others are closely linked to specific cultural contexts. Therefore, proverbs should be seen not just as linguistic units but also as valuable cultural texts. Studying Uzbek proverbs can deepen our understanding of both language and culture and contribute to more effective intercultural communication.

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