



A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE LINGUOPRAGMATIC FEATURES OF UZBEK AND ENGLISH IDIOMS

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Annotation. *This article examines the linguopragmatic characteristics of idioms in Uzbek and English, focusing on their comparative and contrastive aspects. By analyzing the underlying cultural and pragmatic elements that shape these expressions, we aim to highlight similarities and differences between the two languages. This comparative study contributes to a deeper understanding of how idioms reflect the social and cultural nuances of their respective languages.*

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Introduction. Idioms, as fixed expressions with figurative meanings, are an essential part of any language. They encapsulate cultural values, beliefs, and social norms, making their use both linguistically and pragmatically significant. The comparison of idioms in different languages, such as Uzbek and English, sheds light on unique cultural perspectives and common linguistic patterns.

The linguopragmatic analysis of idioms involves examining not only their literal and figurative meanings but also the context in which they are used, their communicative functions, and their impact on listeners. In both Uzbek and English, idioms often serve to emphasize emotions, illustrate points, or add color to communication.

Similarities between Uzbek and English idioms are below:

Common Themes: Both Uzbek and English idioms often revolve around universal themes such as love, wisdom, and struggle. For example, the English idiom "barking up the wrong tree" and the Uzbek equivalent "notug'ri eshikka taqillatmoq" both imply making a mistake in one's approach.

Metaphorical Structures: Idioms in both languages use metaphors to convey deeper meanings. For instance, the English phrase "spill the beans" and its Uzbek counterpart "dilidagi gapni aytmoq" imply revealing a secret.

Differences between Uzbek and English expressions are given below:

Cultural References: Uzbek idioms often include elements related to local traditions, history, or environment, such as references to silk, bazaars, or folklore. English idioms, on the other hand, may include references to Western literature, sports, or urban life.



Pragmatic Usage: The contextual use of idioms in Uzbek tends to be more formal in settings involving elders or traditional conversations, whereas English idioms may be used more casually across different contexts.

Idioms in both languages serve multiple pragmatic functions, such as:

Expressing Emotions: Idioms convey emotions such as happiness, frustration, or sarcasm.

Enhancing Persuasion: In both Uzbek and English, idioms can be used to make arguments more compelling or relatable.

Social Bonding: Idioms often strengthen social ties by reinforcing shared cultural knowledge.

The comparative study of idioms highlights the profound influence of cultural context on language. Idioms, as culturally bound expressions, provide insight into the societal norms, historical events, and shared beliefs of a community. In Uzbek, idioms often contain elements tied to traditional customs, agriculture, and folklore. Examples include references to well-known proverbs and folk sayings that encapsulate age-old wisdom passed down through generations. In contrast, English idioms frequently reference literature, pop culture, and sports, reflecting a more modern and diverse set of cultural influences.

Linguopragmatic characteristics of idioms encompass how meaning is conveyed not only through words but also through tone, context, and implied connotations. In Uzbek, idioms may be employed more respectfully or formally when addressing elders or in solemn discussions, mirroring cultural norms that emphasize respect for hierarchy and age. English, while also sensitive to context, often sees idioms used more playfully or in a casual manner, indicating a degree of informality or camaraderie in communication.

In English, the term “anger” is used to denote "g‘azab" and is defined as: “a strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility” or “a strong feeling that makes you want to hurt someone or be unpleasant because of something unfair or unkind that has happened”. This refers to a strong emotion that can carry both positive and negative connotations due to an unpleasant event experienced by the subject.

Synonyms: annoyance, irritation, frustration, fury, rage.

Antonyms: pleasure, good humour.

In English linguistic culture, passive and active types of anger are distinguished.



The Uzbek word "g'azab" originates from the Arabic term meaning "intense anger, wrath." The related word "qahr" conveys the meaning of "forcing" or "exercising power or coercion".

"G'azab" is the opposite of acceptance and actually signifies meanings such as "intensity" and "power." In Arabic, a hard stone is referred to as "g'azba," from which the word "g'azab" is derived. This term inherently implies an intense outburst of anger. The state of anger leads to psychophysiological changes in a person, which is why it is often evaluated negatively.

Conclusion. The comparative analysis of Uzbek and English idioms reveals both shared and distinct linguopragmatic characteristics. While both languages utilize idioms to enrich communication, cultural influences shape their themes, structures, and usage. Understanding these differences can foster better cross-cultural communication and appreciation.

The comparative analysis of Uzbek and English idioms underscores the importance of cultural literacy in language learning and teaching. Recognizing idiomatic differences and similarities not only enhances vocabulary but also improves pragmatic competence, enabling speakers to navigate cross-cultural conversations more effectively. By integrating idioms into language education, learners gain deeper insight into both linguistic and cultural practices, fostering more authentic communication skills and cross-cultural empathy.

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