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ANALYSES OF GREETING AND FAREWELL PHRASES OF UZBEK AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES

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Abstract: *This thesis analyzes the greeting and farewell phrases in both Uzbek and English languages to explore the cultural intricacies and social conventions inherent in these expressions. By delving into the traditional customs and linguistic patterns of these languages, this research illustrates the cultural diversity and richness of human communication practices.*

Key words: *greeting, farewell, cultural and linguistic intricacies, social interactions*

INTRODUCTION

Greeting and farewell phrases are dominant elements of social interactions, playing a crucial role in establishing connections, expressing respect and fostering relationships among individuals. These linguistic customs are infused with cultural and linguistic intricacies and we can refer to them as reflections of societal norms, which offer profound insights into the fundamental values and beliefs that shape a community's identity and interactions [Paolo Poccetti, 2010].

The difference between Uzbek and English words which express greetings and farewells summarizes a broader spectrum of cultural differences and societal norms that shape the ways in which individuals engage in interpersonal communication. While Uzbek customs underscore the importance of demonstrating respect and observing social hierarchies through elaborate expressions, English traditions prioritize a more laid-back and egalitarian approach that fosters a sense of ease and familiarity in social exchanges.

These contrasting factors not only showcase the diversity of language usage but also offer profound insights into the intricate interplay between language, culture, and interpersonal relationships in shaping human interactions.

Greeting phrases

The phrase "*Assalomu alaykum*" (Peace be upon you) holds deep cultural and religious significance in Uzbekistan, as it is rooted in Arabic Islamic culture

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[Turdieva Khulkar, 2019]. By utilizing this phrase, individuals are not merely greeting the other person but also bestowing blessings of peace upon them, showcasing a profound level of respect and warmth. These words express a heartfelt wish for the receiver's well-being, encompassing both physical and spiritual prosperity. Furthermore, the conventional response of "*Va alaykum assalom*" serves to strengthen the message of mutual respect and good wishes, establishing a customary exchange that symbolizes a sense of mutual care and consideration between individuals. "*Salom*" another commonly used greeting in Uzbek culture, holds a unique position as it seamlessly transitions between formal and informal contexts, establishing itself as a versatile and universally embraced form of salutation. Its straightforwardness and broad applicability render it a welcoming and inclusive greeting that transcends age and social distinctions. There are certain questions for greeting, such as "*Yaxshimisiz?*" and "*Qalaysiz?*" (both means "How are you?") go beyond a mere formality, showing a genuine expression of interest in the other person's well-being following the initial greeting. They act as a bridge to deeper conversations, indicating a sincere care for the individual and a willingness to engage in meaningful dialogue beyond superficial pleasantries. These inquiries reflect a cultural emphasis on fostering authentic connections and demonstrating empathy in communication, showcasing a deeper value placed on interpersonal relationships and genuine interactions.

In English language, "Hello" is considered as a versatile and universal greeting suitable for both formal settings and informal conversations. "Hi" conveys a friendly and relaxed vibe, often used among friends and peers. "Good morning," "Good afternoon," and "Good evening" indicates the time of day with politeness. "Hey" and "Hey there" introduce informality and friendliness into interactions, while "How are you?" and "What's up?" express a deeper interest in the other person's well-being and current state. Lastly, "Nice to meet you" offers a polite way to initiate a new connection, expressing positivity and a willingness to build a relationship.

These diverse greetings not only establish the tone for discussions but also reflect cultural norms and communication values, underscoring the depth and variety of language in nurturing interpersonal bonds.

Farewell phrases

In both languages, the choice of farewell phrases reflects the emphasis on warmth, respect, and consideration for others. For instance, in Uzbekistan, "*Xayr*" is a commonly used and straightforward way of saying goodbye. Its simplicity and popularity make it a versatile choice for both formal and informal situations. By

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saying "*Ko'rishguncha*" which means "Until we meet again" individuals express hope and positivity for future encounters. The phrase "*Sog' bo'ling*" extends beyond a simple goodbye, it conveys a heartfelt wish for the other person's health and happiness. By employing this phrase, individuals show genuine care and concern, emphasizing the importance of the other person's well-being as they say farewell.

In English-speaking countries, whereas, "*Goodbye*" - universally understood phrase, serves as a conventional and widely relied way to conclude conversations. Its adaptability and general acceptance make it a common choice for demonstrating courtesy and wrapping up dialogues in both formal and informal settings. The phrases "Until the next time" and "See you later" imply an expectation of encountering each other in the future, fostering a friendly and informal atmosphere when saying farewell. Individuals utilize them not only for saying their goodbyes but also conveying a positive and open attitude towards reconnecting soon, promoting a sense of companionship and continuity in relationships. Moreover, "*Take care*" extends beyond a mere farewell, it expresses a genuine sympathy and care towards the well-being of the other person.

In conclusion, both Uzbek and English greeting and farewell choices tend to depend mainly on the culture and linguistic intricacies of the countries. By analyzing these phrases, we develop a deeper understanding of the original meaning and the significance of language as a means of conveying respect, warmth, and consideration towards others, emphasizing the interplay between language and culture in shaping our interactions and connections.

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