



Linguocultural study of stylistic devices (based on examples of metaphor, metonymy and hyperbole)

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the linguocultural dimensions of metaphor, metonymy, and hyperbole, highlighting their roles in reflecting and shaping cultural identity and cognitive processes. Through the analysis of English and Uzbek texts, the research identifies universal cognitive patterns and culturally specific variations in the use of these stylistic devices. Metaphors are shown to conceptualize abstract ideas through tangible experiences, metonymy simplifies complex concepts through cultural associations, and hyperbole amplifies emotional expression in ways shaped by cultural norms. The study emphasizes the interplay of these devices, offering insights into how language acts as a bridge between thought and culture.

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Badiiy tasviriy vositalarning lingvokulturalogik tadqiqi (metafora, metonimiya va mubolag'a misolida)

ANNOTATSIYA

Kalit so'zlar:

Lingvokultura,
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Ushbu tadqiqot metafora, metonimiya va mubolag'aning lingvokulturaviy o'lchamlarini o'rganib, ularning madaniy identifikatsiyani va kognitiv jarayonlarni aks ettirish va shakllantirishdagi o'rnini ta'kidlaydi. Ingliz va o'zbek tilidagi matnlarni tahlil qilish orqali stilistik vositalardan foydalanishdagi universal kognitiv andozalar va madaniyatga xos o'ziga xosliklar aniqlangan. Metaforalar mavhum g'oyalarni moddiy tajribalar orqali tushuntirishi, metonimiya murakkab tushunchalarni madaniy assotsiatsiyalar orqali soddalashtirishi va mubolag'a madaniy normalar ta'sirida hissiy ifodani

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kuchaytirishi ko'rsatilgan. Tadqiqot ushbu vositalarning o'zaro ta'sirini yoritib, tilning fikr va madaniyat o'rtasidagi ko'prik sifatidagi rolini chuqurroq anglashga yordam beradi.

Лингвокультурное исследование стилистических приемов (на примере метафоры, метонимии и гиперболы)

АННОТАЦИЯ

Ключевые слова:

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метонимия,
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когнитивная лингвистика,
межкультурная
коммуникация,
английский,
узбекский.

В данном исследовании рассматриваются лингвокультурные аспекты метафоры, метонимии и гиперболы, подчеркивая их роль в отражении и формировании культурной идентичности и когнитивных процессов. Анализ текстов на английском и узбекском языках выявил универсальные когнитивные модели и культурно-специфические особенности использования данных стилистических приемов. Показано, что метафоры помогают концептуализировать абстрактные идеи через конкретный опыт, метонимия упрощает сложные понятия посредством культурных ассоциаций, а гипербола усиливает эмоциональное выражение под влиянием культурных норм. Исследование подчеркивает взаимодействие этих приемов, раскрывая, как язык служит мостом между мышлением и культурой.

INTRODUCTION

Language serves as a powerful tool for expressing human thought and culture, functioning not only as a means of communication but also as a mirror of the collective consciousness of a society. Within this linguistic framework, stylistic devices such as metaphor, metonymy, and hyperbole play a pivotal role in shaping artistic expression and conveying deeper cultural and emotional meanings. These devices transcend the literal meaning of words, providing richness and depth to communication by evoking imagery, emotions, and cultural associations.

The study of these stylistic devices from a linguocultural perspective offers a unique lens through which the interplay between language and culture can be explored. Linguoculture, a multidisciplinary field, investigates how cultural values, beliefs, and worldviews are embedded in and transmitted through language. By analyzing stylistic devices such as metaphor, metonymy, and hyperbole, researchers can uncover the cultural and cognitive patterns that shape the way individuals perceive and interpret the world.

This study aims to delve into the linguocultural dimensions of metaphor, metonymy, and hyperbole, exploring how these stylistic devices encapsulate cultural identity and worldview. By examining their use in various texts and contexts, the research seeks to highlight the intricate relationship between language, thought, and culture, offering insights into the universal and culturally specific aspects of stylistic expression. Through this exploration, we aim to deepen our understanding of how artistic and rhetorical devices function as bridges between language and culture, enriching both communication and interpretation.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The study of stylistic devices such as metaphor, metonymy, and hyperbole has long been a focal point in the fields of linguistics, literary studies, and cultural research. These devices are central to understanding how language operates as both a cognitive tool and a cultural artifact. In this literature review, key theoretical approaches and previous studies relevant to the linguocultural investigation of these stylistic devices are discussed.

Metaphors have been extensively studied as a fundamental cognitive mechanism that shapes human thought and communication. Lakoff and Johnson's seminal work, "Metaphors We Live By" (1980), established the foundation for conceptual metaphor theory, highlighting how metaphors are rooted in bodily experience and cultural context.[6] They argue that metaphors are not merely linguistic embellishments but reflect the way individuals conceptualize abstract phenomena through concrete experiences.

Recent research has emphasized the cultural variability of metaphor. Kövecses (2005) examined how cultural models influence metaphorical expression, demonstrating that metaphors vary significantly across languages due to differences in cultural priorities and worldviews.[5] For instance, metaphors related to emotions, such as "heartache" or "cold-hearted," often reflect specific cultural understandings of the human body and mind.

Metonymy, another key stylistic device, operates by associating a part with a whole, a cause with an effect, or an object with its function. Scholars like Radden and Kövecses (1999) have explored how metonymy is cognitively motivated and culturally conditioned.[7] Their work illustrates how metonymic expressions are deeply intertwined with cultural practices and shared knowledge within a community. Studies by Barcelona (2003) have also explored how metonymy interacts with metaphor to create complex layers of meaning in discourse, further underlining its role as a linguocultural device.[1]

Hyperbole, characterized by intentional exaggeration, is often used to convey emotional intensity or emphasize certain aspects of meaning. Despite its rhetorical nature, hyperbole is deeply influenced by cultural norms and values. Claridge (2011) examined hyperbole in spoken and written communication, highlighting its frequency in informal settings and its role in creating vivid and persuasive discourse.[3]

Cultural studies of hyperbole have focused on its expressive function and variation across languages. For instance, Burgers et al. (2016) analyzed hyperbolic expressions in different cultural contexts, demonstrating that cultures with a high tolerance for emotional expressiveness often exhibit a greater use of hyperbolic language.[2] These findings suggest that hyperbole not only enhances communication but also reflects the cultural attitudes of a linguistic community.

The intersection of linguistics and cultural studies has led to the development of linguocultural approaches, which emphasize the relationship between language and culture. Wierzbicka (1997) and Goddard (2006) have contributed to this field by examining how language embodies cultural norms, values, and worldviews. [4, 8]

METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a qualitative research approach to investigate the linguocultural aspects of stylistic devices – metaphor, metonymy, and hyperbole – focusing on their usage, interpretation, and cultural implications. The methodology is designed to analyze these devices within their cultural and linguistic contexts, relying on a combination of textual analysis, comparative linguistic methods, and cultural interpretation. This methodology provides a systematic approach to exploring the linguocultural dimensions

of metaphor, metonymy, and hyperbole. By combining textual analysis with cultural interpretation, the study aims to uncover the intricate relationships between language, cognition, and culture, offering insights into the universality and diversity of stylistic devices.

RESULTS

The analysis of metaphor, metonymy, and hyperbole across English and Uzbek texts yielded significant insights into their linguocultural functions and variations. Below are the key findings categorized by stylistic device:

Metaphor: Universal Patterns: Metaphors in both languages often reflect universal cognitive processes, such as conceptualizing abstract emotions in terms of physical experiences. For example, metaphors like "a heavy heart" (English) and "og'ir yurak" (Uzbek) both convey emotional burdens. **Cultural Specificity:** Certain metaphors are deeply rooted in cultural traditions. In English, "time is money" reflects a Western emphasis on productivity, while in Uzbek, "vatan onadir" ("homeland is a mother") underscores the cultural reverence for familial bonds and the homeland. **Contextual Usage:** In literature, metaphors were more elaborate and symbolic, while in conversational texts, they tended to be more practical and direct.

DISCUSSION

The findings highlight both the universal and culturally specific aspects of stylistic devices, underscoring their role as a bridge between language and culture. **Metaphor and Cultural Cognition:** The universality of certain metaphors suggests that human cognition operates similarly across cultures, grounding abstract ideas in physical experiences. However, culturally specific metaphors reveal how societal values and historical contexts shape linguistic expression. For example, the emphasis on time as a resource in English reflects a capitalistic worldview, while the Uzbek metaphor equating the homeland to a mother underscores a deep cultural attachment to familial and national identity.

CONCLUSION

The study of metaphor, metonymy, and hyperbole from a linguocultural perspective has revealed their profound role in bridging language, cognition, and culture. These stylistic devices not only enhance the aesthetic and emotional appeal of communication but also serve as windows into the cultural and cognitive frameworks that shape human thought and expression. The study contributes to linguocultural research by emphasizing the importance of stylistic devices in understanding cultural identities and cognitive processes. It provides a foundation for further exploration in fields such as translation studies, intercultural communication, and cognitive linguistics, where these devices often pose challenges and opportunities for conveying meaning across cultures.

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