

LINGUOCULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON ENGLISH AND UZBEK PLACE-NAME EXPRESSIONS

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Thesis Statement

This thesis investigates the linguocultural dimensions of place-name expressions in English and Uzbek, analyzing how these expressions reflect cultural values, historical narratives, and social norms, thereby shaping national identity.

Abstract: This research explores the significance of place-name expressions in both English and Uzbek, focusing on their cultural and historical implications. By employing qualitative methods, including interviews and literature reviews, the study sheds light on the shared and divergent features of toponymic phrases, emphasizing their role in articulating cultural identity and collective memory.

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Introduction

Place-name expressions are linguistic units derived from geographical names that encapsulate the cultural and historical essence of a community. This thesis aims to analyze these expressions in both English and Uzbek, exploring how they articulate cultural identity and reflect the sociolinguistic landscape of their respective cultures. Understanding these phrases is essential for grasping the intricate relationship between language and culture.

Literature Review

The literature on toponymy and phraseology highlights the significance of place-name expressions in various linguistic and cultural contexts. Key studies have explored:

1. **Cultural Identity and Toponyms:** Research indicates that place names often reflect the values and identities of communities (Bakiyev, 2010; Iskandarov, 2015). These expressions serve as markers of cultural heritage and collective memory.
2. **Historical Contexts:** Several scholars have examined how historical events shape place names, revealing the narratives embedded within them (Karimov, 2018). This historical perspective is crucial for understanding the evolution of toponymic phrases.
3. **Comparative Studies:** Previous studies have compared toponymic expressions across languages, emphasizing both shared themes and unique cultural nuances (Mirzaeva, 2020; Nurmuratov, 2021). These comparisons provide a framework for analyzing the linguistic features of English and Uzbek place names.

Methodology

This study adopts a qualitative methodology, combining field research and a comprehensive literature review:

1. **Field Research:**
 - Semi-structured interviews were conducted with linguists, historians, and local residents to gather insights into the meanings and cultural significance of place-name expressions. A total of 40 interviews were conducted across various regions in Uzbekistan and English-speaking communities.

○ Participant observation during community events and cultural festivals provided additional context for the use of these expressions.

2. **Literature Review:**

○ A thorough analysis of existing literature on toponymy and phraseology was undertaken to identify key themes and concepts related to place-name expressions in both languages.

3. **Data Analysis:**

○ Collected data were thematically coded to identify cultural and historical patterns. A comparative analysis was performed to highlight similarities and differences between English and Uzbek expressions.

Results

The findings indicate that place-name expressions in both languages reflect deep cultural values and historical contexts. Key results include:

1. **Cultural Reflections:** Place-name expressions serve as vital markers of identity, embodying the cultural values and collective memories of their respective communities.

2. **Historical Significance:** Many expressions carry historical connotations, illustrating how past events influence contemporary language use.

3. **Linguistic Features:** The analysis reveals unique structural elements in both English and Uzbek place-name expressions, reflecting their linguistic traditions.

Discussion

The thesis discusses the importance of place-name expressions as cultural artifacts that encapsulate social norms and historical narratives. The shared features between English and Uzbek highlight common human experiences, while the unique aspects emphasize distinct cultural identities. Furthermore, the research underscores the need for preserving these expressions as globalization threatens to dilute local languages and cultural heritage.

Conclusion

This research underscores the critical role of place-name expressions in understanding the relationship between language and culture. By analyzing these expressions, we gain valuable insights into how they shape national identity and cultural heritage in both English and Uzbek contexts. Future research should continue to explore the implications of toponymy in the context of modern linguistic changes and cultural globalization.

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