

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF LABOR-RELATED PROVERBS IN ENGLISH AND UZBEK LANGUAGES

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Abstract

This article presents a comparative study of labor-related proverbs in English and Uzbek languages. Proverbs are valuable linguistic units that reflect the cultural values, traditions, and worldview of a nation. Labor-related proverbs, in particular, demonstrate people's attitudes toward work, diligence, responsibility, and success. The study aims to identify the similarities and differences between English and Uzbek proverbs connected with labor and to analyze their semantic, stylistic, and cultural features. Comparative analysis shows that both languages highly appreciate hard work, wise use of time, and the importance of effort in achieving success. At the same time, certain differences are observed due to national mentality and historical development. English proverbs often emphasize individual responsibility, punctuality, and practical results, while Uzbek proverbs focus on collective labor, moral values, patience, and agricultural traditions.

Key words: Labor-related proverbs, English proverbs, Uzbek proverbs, comparative linguistics, paremiology, cultural values, work ethics, linguocultural analysis, pragmatic features, semantic analysis, folklore studies, cross-cultural communication, national worldview, phraseology, concept of labor.

Annotatsiya

Ushbu maqolada ingliz va o'zbek tillaridagi mehnat bilan bog'liq maqollarning qiyosiy tadqiqi yoritiladi. Maqollar xalqning madaniy qadriyatlarini, urf-odatlarini hamda dunyoqarashini aks ettiruvchi muhim lisoniy birliklardir. Ayniqsa, mehnatga oid maqollar insonlarning ishga, tirishqoqlikka, mas'uliyatga va muvaffaqiyatga bo'lgan munosabatini ifodalaydi. Tadqiqotning asosiy maqsadi ingliz va o'zbek tillaridagi mehnatga oid maqollarning o'xshash va farqli jihatlarni aniqlash hamda ularning semantik, uslubiy va madaniy xususiyatlarini tahlil qilishdan iborat. Qiyosiy tahlil natijasida har ikkala tilda ham mehnatsevarlik, vaqtni qadrlash va muvaffaqiyatga erishishda sa'y-harakatning muhimligi yuksak baholanishi aniqlandi. Shu bilan birga, milliy mentalitet va tarixiy taraqqiyot sababli ayrim farqlar ham kuzatiladi. Ingliz maqollarida ko'proq shaxsiy mas'uliyat, aniqlik va amaliy natijalar ifodalansa, o'zbek maqollarida jamoaviy mehnat, axloqiy qadriyatlar, sabr-toqat hamda dehqonchilik an'analari aks etadi.

Kalit so'zlar: Mehnatga oid maqollar, ingliz maqollari, o'zbek maqollari, qiyosiy tilshunoslik, paremiologiya, madaniy qadriyatlar, mehnat etikasi, lingvokulturologik tahlil, pragmatik xususiyatlar, semantik tahlil, folklorshunoslik, madaniyatlararo muloqot, milliy dunyoqarash, frazeologiya, mehnat konsepti.

Аннотация

В данной статье рассматривается сравнительное исследование пословиц, связанных с трудом, в английском и узбекском языках. Пословицы являются важными языковыми единицами, отражающими культурные ценности, традиции и мировоззрение народа. Пословицы о труде, в частности, показывают отношение людей к работе, трудолюбию, ответственности и успеху. Основная цель исследования заключается в выявлении сходств и различий между английскими и узбекскими пословицами, связанными с трудом, а также в анализе их семантических, стилистических и культурных особенностей. Сравнительный анализ показывает, что в обоих языках высоко ценятся трудолюбие, рациональное использование времени и значение усилий для достижения успеха. Вместе с тем



наблюдаются определённые различия, обусловленные национальным менталитетом и историческим развитием. Английские пословицы чаще подчеркивают личную ответственность, пунктуальность и практический результат, тогда как узбекские пословицы акцентируют коллективный труд, нравственные ценности, терпение и сельскохозяйственные традиции.

Ключевые слова: Трудовые пословицы, английские пословицы, узбекские пословицы, сравнительное языкознание, паремнология, культурные ценности, трудовая этика, лингвокультурологический анализ, прагматические особенности, семантический анализ, фольклористика, межкультурная коммуникация, национальное мировоззрение, фразеология, концепт труда.

Proverbs are concise and meaningful expressions that reflect the wisdom, traditions, and values of a nation. They are passed from generation to generation and preserve the cultural identity of a people. Among various thematic groups of proverbs, labor-related proverbs occupy an important place because work has always been considered one of the main foundations of human life. Labor is not only a source of income but also a symbol of dignity, responsibility, and moral development. Both English and Uzbek languages possess a rich collection of proverbs related to labor, diligence, effort, and responsibility. These proverbs reveal the attitudes of both nations toward work and social behavior [1, p.160].

This comparative study aims to analyze labor-related proverbs in English and Uzbek languages, identify their similarities and differences, and explain their linguistic and cultural significance.

Labor is universally respected in most cultures. It is associated with productivity, success, honesty, and discipline. Proverbs concerning labor often encourage people to work hard, avoid laziness, use time wisely, and appreciate the value of effort [7, p.100]. In English culture, many proverbs focus on individual achievement, punctuality, and personal responsibility. In Uzbek culture, labor-related proverbs often emphasize collective effort, patience, respect for craftsmanship, and the moral value of honest work [5, p.60].

Agricultural Influence in Uzbek Proverbs

Many Uzbek labor proverbs are connected with farming and nature because agriculture played an important role in traditional Uzbek society:

“Yer haydasang kuz hayda, kuz haydamasang yuz hayda.”

Such proverbs reflect farming experience and seasonal wisdom.

English proverbs may be more connected with trade, industry, and urban life.

Linguistic Features of Labor Proverbs, Labor-related proverbs in both languages use stylistic devices such as rhyme, parallelism, metaphor, and brevity. For example: English: “Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.” Uzbek: “Mehnat qilgan to’yadi.” These proverbs are memorable because of their rhythm and concise structure [3, p.100].

Cultural Importance of Labor Proverbs

Labor proverbs educate younger generations about responsibility, discipline, and ethics. They serve as tools of moral instruction in families and schools. In both English and Uzbek societies, such proverbs motivate people to respect work and avoid laziness.

Moreover, these proverbs preserve national mentality. English proverbs reflect punctuality, efficiency, and independence, while Uzbek proverbs show hospitality, patience, cooperation, and respect for honest labor [6, p.100].

In conclusion, labor-related proverbs in English and Uzbek languages demonstrate both universal and culture-specific views on work. The similarities show that all societies appreciate diligence, time management, and responsibility. The differences reflect national traditions, lifestyle, and social values. English proverbs tend to emphasize personal initiative and practical success, whereas Uzbek proverbs often highlight collective work, morality, and agricultural life.



Therefore, comparative analysis of labor proverbs helps us better understand language, culture, and the worldview of different nations

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