

**PRAGMATIST FEATURES IN ENGLISH AND UZBEK PROVERBS AND THEIR PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

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**Abstract:** The function of proverbs as practical instruments in Uzbek and English discourse is examined in this article. It looks at the ways in which proverbs mediate social connections, reinforce cultural norms, and impart knowledge. In terms of their application in diverse social circumstances, their idiomatic and metaphorical frameworks, and the cultural values they represent, the study draws comparisons and contrasts between Uzbek and English proverbs. The essay illustrates the importance of proverbs in pragmatic conversation by examining them as indirect speech acts, providing important insights into how language operates in various cultural contexts. This comparative study highlights the significance of proverbs in intercultural communication and the common human experience they capture.

**Keywords:** proverbs, pragmatics, discourse, uzbek language, english language, cross-cultural communication, indirect speech acts, cultural values, social relationships, language and culture, communication strategies.

Proverbs serve as linguistic and cultural tools that transmit knowledge, life lessons, and social conventions, making them an indispensable part of everyday communication. They are frequently employed to increase the efficacy of discourse and frequently capture shared experiences, conventions, and ideas. Proverbs serve as practical communication aids in both Uzbek and English cultures. In this sense, pragmatics is the study of language use in social interactions and how proverb interpretation is influenced by context. The purpose of this essay is to examine the pragmatic roles, similarities, and differences of proverbs in Uzbek and English conversation. A short, well-known phrase that conveys a universal truth or bit of wisdom is called a proverb. They are used to communicate difficult concepts in an understandable and straightforward manner.

Proverbs are used pragmatically when they are applied to certain communicative contexts in order to accomplish certain objectives, such as warning, advising, persuading, or upholding social norms. Proverbs are frequently used in both Uzbek and English to provide wisdom, mediate relationships, and settle disputes. They can also serve as stools for sarcasm, comedy, or critique. The goal of the speaker, the social setting, and the interlocutors' mutual understanding of cultural standards all influence how proverbs are used. Rich in tradition and history, Uzbek proverbs are an essential part of Uzbek culture. They are essential in social situations, professional settings, and family interactions. One of the main practical purposes of proverbs in Uzbek speech is to uphold social ideals like hospitality, respect for elders, and camaraderie within the society.

Furthermore, Uzbek proverbs frequently function as an indirect speech act. As a kind of kind criticism, sayings such as "Tirik kishi o'ylaydi, o'lik kishi gapiradi" (The living thinks, the dead talks) are used. This adage encourages people to be more deliberate in their approach and to ponder before speaking by discreetly conveying the idea that deeds speak louder than words. Proverbs are also a crucial instrument for giving guidance and communicating common wisdom

in English discourse. English proverbs, like Uzbek proverbs, can be used to negotiate difficult situations and manage social interactions. English proverbs frequently center on universal themes like friendship, love, time passing, and work ethic. "Actions speak louder than words," a well-known English proverb, has a thematic relationship to the Uzbek saying "Tirik kishi o'ylaydi, o'lik kishi gapiradi." Both sayings emphasize the value of deeds over words. This adage is frequently used in English to cast doubt on the veracity of someone's statements when their behavior contradicts their words. Another example is the saying, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," which highlights the importance of what is available and certain over what is uncertain or speculative. Situations requiring risk assessment, decision-making, and advice-giving are examples of this pragmatic function.

Although there are obvious parallels between Uzbek and English proverb usage, there are also significant distinctions that stem from the distinct worldviews and social customs of each country. The way proverbs are phrased and structured in the two languages is one of the main distinctions. For instance, Uzbek proverbs frequently use figurative language and are more poetic and metaphorical. English proverbs, on the other hand, typically express ideas in a more plain and straightforward manner.

In conclusion, this study examined how proverbs are used as practical tools in both Uzbek and English speech, emphasizing how important they are for influencing social interactions, fostering cultural norms, and forming communication. These include regulating social relations, offering advice, issuing warnings, praising, and criticizing. In both Uzbek and English speech, proverbs are effective pragmatic tools that are used to convey cultural information, control social behavior, and promote interpersonal communication. By examining other languages and cultures, future studies could build on this comparative analysis and advance the fields of sociolinguistics and cross-cultural pragmatics.

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