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Selection Of Materials And Their Description In The Study Of The Grammatical Nature Of Phraseological Units

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Abstract: This article examines the selection and description of materials in studying the grammatical nature of phraseological units in Uzbek language. Emphasis is placed on the methodological importance of choosing resources that reflect linguistic structures and suit the research context. Principles such as generalizability, objectivity, and accuracy guide the selection of authentic, contemporary, and dialectal sources. Both traditional materials, like dictionaries, and modern software-based tools are analyzed to illustrate their role in revealing the syntactic, structural, and metaphorical features of idiomatic expressions. The study demonstrates that precise and methodologically sound material selection enhances the reliability and validity of research findings.

Keywords: Phraseological units, grammatical nature, material selection, Uzbek language, corpus linguistics.

Introduction: The study of the grammatical nature of phraseological units requires careful selection and description of research materials. Selecting appropriate materials is crucial not only for revealing the essence of linguistic structures but also for meeting the requirements of the research environment (e.g., schools, higher education institutions). According to Professor G. Asilova, “All materials should be selected in accordance with the learners’ communicative competence, providing them with orally and in writing comprehensible and simply structured models of the language being studied.” [Asilova,2023]

METHODS

In applied linguistics and language education, G. Widdowson introduced the concepts of “authentic material” and “pedagogically authentic material,” highlighting that materials created for language users without any modifications are considered authentic, original materials. E. Qilichev also emphasizes systematic study of Uzbek language informational materials, including books, journals, and newspapers, to develop a deep understanding of vocabulary and stylistic features, which enhances both knowledge and lexical repertoire.[Qilichev,1985]

Furthermore, M. Abdurazzoqova and U. Murodova stress the importance of selecting grammatical material for specific communicative purposes, noting that excessive inclusion can lead to “entropy,” and only the most widely used portion is necessary. Precise selection in accordance with the research content enhances the accuracy and reliability of the results.

The investigation into the grammatical nature of phraseological units involves analyzing the following aspects:

- The syntactic roles that expressions perform within a sentence.
- The variability of the constituent words within these expressions.
- The ways in which phraseological units grammatically connect with other words.
- Whether the structural composition of the expression can be altered or remains fixed.
- The influence of metaphorical changes on grammatical properties.

In research methodology, the “material principle” is applied to ensure practical relevance. Materials must exhibit the following characteristics:

1. Generalizability: Materials should cover all aspects of the object under study, including usage in

various contexts and representations in books or software tools.

2. Objectivity: Materials should be free from subjective bias.
3. Well-founded basis: Materials must provide a reliable foundation for research conclusions.
4. Accuracy: Materials should be scientifically justified, correctly described, and appropriately classified.

Materials suitable for studying phraseological units include:

- Spoken language and live communication sources.
- Materials characteristic of contemporary language use.
- Standardized materials actively used in speech pragmatics.
- Dialectal sources, when necessary.

These materials are divided into:

- Traditional materials: written sources such as books and dictionaries.
- Modern materials: software-based tools and electronic resources.

Dictionaries, both monolingual and multilingual, are particularly useful for examining semantic, grammatical, and stylistic characteristics of phraseological units. For example, Sh. Rahmatullayev's Explanatory Phraseological Dictionary of the Uzbek Language provides neutral, objective, and comprehensive phraseological units based on contemporary prose and frequent usage.[Rahmatullayev,1978] Similarly, the German-Russian-Uzbek Phraseological Dictionary by M. Umarxojayev and K. Nazarov presents over 700 units with diverse structures, drawn from textbooks, school materials, and periodicals, enabling analysis of syntactic and semantic features.[Umarxojayev, Nazarov, 1994] Even resources like A. G'ulomov et al.'s Morpheme Dictionary of the Uzbek Language, though not specific to phraseological units, assist in identifying grammatical forms within expressions.

RESULTS

Analysis of the selected materials demonstrates the following:

- Phraseological units maintain semantic integrity despite syntactic variability.
- Verbal elements vary according to tense, aspect, mood, and person, whereas nominal components generally remain stable.
- Dictionaries and corpus-based resources facilitate systematic examination of grammatical forms, enabling observation of usage patterns, syntactic roles, and pragmatic features.
- The careful selection of materials ensures that research findings are reliable, generalizable, and objective.

These findings confirm that a combination of traditional and modern sources provides comprehensive data for studying the grammatical nature of phraseological units.

DISCUSSION

The study emphasizes the importance of methodologically justified material selection for linguistic research. By focusing on frequently used, contextually relevant, and standard expressions, researchers can reliably analyze grammatical structures and syntactic behavior. The use of dictionaries and corpus-based resources allows for verification of findings and supports systematic classification and description of units.

Moreover, attention to pragmatic and metaphorical aspects in phraseological units highlights the interplay between grammar, meaning, and context, reinforcing the need for materials that capture authentic language use. The methodological approach described here aligns with best practices in applied linguistics and ensures that research outcomes are both scientifically valid and practically relevant.

This article addressed the selection of materials and their description in studying the grammatical nature of phraseological units. The results indicate that analyzing phraseological expressions requires consideration of:

- Grammatical structure and verbal/nominal characteristics.
- Syntactic role and variability within sentences.
- Metaphorical-pragmatic features affecting grammatical properties.

CONCLUSION

The combination of traditional and modern sources, including dictionaries and corpus-based materials, provides a reliable framework for systematic linguistic analysis. Careful, methodologically sound selection of materials ensures the accuracy, objectivity, and generalizability of the research findings, ultimately contributing to a better understanding of the grammatical nature of phraseological units in the Uzbek language.

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