STYLISTIC AND LEXICAL MEANS OF EMOTIVENESS

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Annotation: *This article investigates the stylistic and lexical means of emotiveness in contemporary English, emphasizing their semantic, pragmatic, and expressive roles across different discourse types. Emotiveness is viewed as the linguistic reflection of emotional states, attitudes, and value judgments. The findings reveal that lexical and stylistic tools work together to enhance emotional expressiveness, strengthen persuasion, and improve communicative impact in literary, media, and public discourse.*

Keywords: *emotiveness; connotation; stylistic devices; lexical expressiveness; metaphor; hyperbole; epithet; irony; evaluative vocabulary; intensifiers; pragmatics; emotional meaning; cognitive linguistics; discourse analysis.*

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Аннотация: *В данной статье исследуются стилистические и лексические средства эмотивности в современном английском языке, подчеркивая их семантическую, прагматическую и экспрессивную роли в различных типах дискурса. Эмотивность рассматривается как языковое отражение эмоциональных состояний, установок и ценностных суждений. Результаты показывают, что лексические и стилистические средства работают вместе для повышения эмоциональной выразительности, укрепления убеждения и улучшения коммуникативного воздействия в литературной, медийной и публичной дискуссии.*

Ключевые слова: *эмотивность; коннотация; стилистические приемы; лексическая выразительность; метафора; гипербола; эпитет; ирония; оценочная лексика; усилители; прагматика; эмоциональное значение; когнитивная лингвистика; анализ дискурса.*

EMOTIVLIKNING USLUBIY VA LEKSIK VOSITALARI

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Annotatsiya: *Ushbu maqolada zamonaviy ingliz tilidagi emotivlikning stilistik va leksik vositalari o'rganiladi, ularning turli xil diskurs turlarida semantik, pragmatik va ekspressiv rollariga alohida e'tibor qaratiladi. Emotivlik hissiy holatlar, munosabatlar va qadriyatli fikrlarning lisoniy ifodasi sifatida ko'rib chiqiladi. Natijalar shuni ko'rsatadiki, leksik va stilistik vositalar adabiy, ommaviy axborot vositalari va jamoat muhokamalarida hissiy ifodalilikni kuchaytirish, ishonchni mustahkamlash va kommunikativ ta'sirni oshirish uchun birgalikda ishlaydi.*

Kalit so'zlar: *emotivlik; konnotatsiya; stilistik vositalar; leksik ifodalilik; metafora; mubolag'a; epitet; kinoya; baholovchi lug'at; kuchaytirgichlar; pragmatika; emotsional ma'no; kognitiv tilshunoslik; diskurs tahlili.*

INTRODUCTION: Emotiveness has emerged as one of the central categories of modern linguistics, particularly within the frameworks of stylistics, pragmatics, cognitive linguistics, and psycholinguistics. The shift toward anthropocentric paradigms in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries significantly expanded the study of language as a reflection of human cognition, emotion, and social behavior. As a result, the emotional function of language—long overshadowed by its referential and communicative roles—has become a focal topic of linguistic inquiry. Emotiveness operates as an essential feature of human communication, revealing the speaker's inner state, attitude, evaluation, and intention through linguistic forms.

Emotiveness manifests itself primarily through two interconnected layers: lexical emotiveness and stylistic emotiveness. Lexical emotiveness arises from the inherent or contextually acquired connotative meanings of words—be they positive, negative, or ambivalent. Stylistic emotiveness, in contrast, is generated by expressive devices that intensify, embellish, or dramatize the conveyed message. When combined, these layers shape the emotional atmosphere of discourse and influence how information is perceived, processed, and interpreted by the audience.

In contemporary English, emotiveness is deeply rooted across diverse discourses, including literary texts, political rhetoric, advertising, media communication, and digital interactions. Authors rely on emotive means to create imagery, intensify dramatism, reinforce persuasion, or enhance aesthetic qualities. Politicians employ emotionally charged language to influence public opinion. Advertisers use emotive vocabulary and stylistic devices to trigger psychological responses and consumer desire. Therefore, examining how emotiveness is

formed through stylistic and lexical mechanisms remains an important aspect of linguistic research.

This study aims to explore the stylistic and lexical means of emotiveness in English, analyze their functions and interplay, and reveal the communicative, psychological, and pragmatic effects they produce. Through systematic investigation, the research contributes to a deeper understanding of how emotional content is encoded, transmitted, and interpreted in human communication.

METHODS: The study adopts a multi-method linguistic approach, integrating theoretical, contextual, stylistic, comparative, and pragmatic analysis. The theoretical foundation relies on the works of leading scholars such as V. V. Vinogradov, I. V. Arnold, G. Leech, M. Halliday, R. Jakobson, Ch. Bally, J. Austin, and J. Searle, whose insights into expressiveness, connotation, and pragmatics serve as a robust basis for understanding emotiveness.

The contextual analysis method is applied to identify the emotional potential of lexical and stylistic units within actual discourse. Since the emotive value of a word or structure often depends on context, the broader semantic, pragmatic, and situational background is examined. Words that appear neutral outside a context may acquire strong emotional coloring within specific communicative settings, illustrating the dynamic nature of emotiveness.

Stylistic analysis is used to examine figurative devices that create or enhance emotiveness, such as metaphor, epithet, hyperbole, litotes, irony, metonymy, personification, simile, and oxymoron. These devices intensify the emotional tone, create vivid imagery, and shape the reader's aesthetic perception of the text. The comparative method provides additional insight into cross-linguistic differences and similarities in emotive expression. Emotive units in English are compared with counterparts in other languages, demonstrating how cultural norms, values, and cognitive models influence emotional representation in linguistic forms. Pragmatic interpretation is used to analyze how emotive units function in communication, focusing on their illocutionary force, persuasive potential, interpersonal impact, and discourse functions. This method helps reveal how emotive language affects the recipient and shapes the dynamics of communicative interaction.

RESULTS: The analysis demonstrates that emotiveness in English is a complex, multi-layered phenomenon realized through a combination of lexical and stylistic means. Lexical emotiveness is rooted in the connotative meanings of words that reflect psychological, cultural, and evaluative associations. Words such as happy, furious, devastated, miserable, splendid, and terrifying carry strong emotional charges. Additional lexical mechanisms contributing to emotiveness include evaluative adjectives, intensifiers (extremely, absolutely, deeply), modal markers, expressive adverbs, and idiomatic expressions.

Connotative meaning plays a significant role in shaping lexical emotiveness. Terms like freedom, justice, nightmare, hero, and betrayal evoke deep emotional responses shaped by cultural memory and social experience. Such words are frequently used in political discourse and media narratives to influence public opinion or mobilize audiences.

Stylistic devices amplify emotional expression and add figurativity to discourse. Metaphor is one of the most powerful tools, enabling speakers to conceptualize emotions

through vivid imagery. Expressions such as her words were knives or a storm of anger not only describe but intensify emotional states. Epithets convey subjective evaluation and color the described objects with the speaker's emotional attitude, as in bitter truth, golden hope, or cruel silence.

Hyperbole enhances dramatism through deliberate exaggeration. Phrases like I waited for ages, He cried rivers, or I am starving evoke strong emotional reactions. Litotes, on the other hand, create subtle emotional nuance through understatement, as in not bad or not entirely hopeless.

Irony conveys emotiveness through implied meaning, often expressing disapproval, sarcasm, or criticism. Personification attributes human emotions to non-human entities, generating aesthetic and emotional appeal. Simile adds expressiveness by comparing emotional states to vivid images – as cold as ice, as bright as the sun. Oxymoron creates emotional tension by combining contradictory elements, such as bitter sweetness or deafening silence. The study reveals that emotiveness emerges through the synergy of lexical and stylistic layers working together. In literary texts, this synergy enhances imagery, symbolism, and thematic depth. In persuasive discourse, it strengthens rhetorical effectiveness. In advertising, it fosters emotional engagement and memorability. Thus, emotiveness is a functional mechanism that shapes the emotional and psychological impact of communication.

DISCUSSION: The findings highlight the universal nature of emotiveness while also underscoring the cultural and cognitive specificity of its expression. Emotive language reflects collective cultural experience, societal values, and cognitive models used to conceptualize emotions. For example, conceptual metaphor theory demonstrates that many emotional metaphors in English are based on culturally entrenched models such as ANGER IS FIRE (burn with anger, flare up) or SADNESS IS DARKNESS (fall into depression, dark thoughts). These models reveal how emotional experiences are systematically structured within the English-speaking cultural context.

Lexical emotiveness is strongly shaped by socio-political and media discourse. Certain words become emotionally charged due to their association with historical events, ideological conflicts, or collective trauma. Media narratives can amplify or shift the emotional connotations of specific terms, affecting public perception. Stylistic emotiveness is genre-dependent. Literary texts rely heavily on metaphor, epithets, and personification to build aesthetic imagery. Advertising favors hyperbole and vivid evaluative vocabulary. Political discourse uses emotive lexicon and rhetorical devices to influence mass opinion and identity formation. Online communication often blends emotive vocabulary with multimodal elements such as emojis, intensifying expressiveness. Overall, the study demonstrates that emotiveness serves not only aesthetic and expressive purposes but also pragmatic, persuasive, and cognitive functions. Understanding emotive mechanisms provides valuable insight into how language shapes human perception and social interaction.

CONCLUSION: The study concludes that emotiveness in English is a multifaceted linguistic category realized primarily through lexical and stylistic means. Lexical emotiveness is rooted in connotative meaning and expresses direct emotional content, while stylistic devices enhance, intensify, or dramatize this content. Combined, these mechanisms create

emotionally rich discourse that influences cognitive processes, interpersonal communication, and aesthetic perception. Emotive language plays a significant role in shaping the psychological impact of texts across various genres, making it a key subject of linguistic research. A comprehensive understanding of stylistic and lexical means of emotiveness contributes to broader insights into human communication, emotional cognition, and discourse analysis.

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