

COMPARISON OF LEXICAL FEATURES OF SPORTS TERMINOLOGY IN UZBEK AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES

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Abstract:

The article is concerned about the lexical and grammatical peculiarities of sports terminology in Uzbek and English languages. The author concentrates on the diversities and similarities of the lexical features of sports terms and provides relevant examples.

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Language is a significant aspect of human culture and communication, and it reflects the unique characteristics of different societies. Through language, people express their thoughts, emotions, and experiences, and it plays a crucial role in shaping identity and relationships. As such, the lexical features of a language, especially related to specific domains such as sports, offer valuable insights into the culture and society of a particular linguistic community. In this article, we will explore the lexical features of sports terms in Uzbek and English, and compare and analyze the differences and similarities between the two languages.

Uzbek and English are both widely spoken languages with distinct linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Uzbek is a Turkic language primarily spoken in Uzbekistan, while English is a West Germanic language spoken by millions of people around the world. Both languages have their own unique way of expressing concepts related to sports, and through this comparison, we aim to shed light on how culture and society are reflected in language.

Lexical Features of Sports Terms in Uzbek

Uzbek, as a Turkish language, has a rich vocabulary when it comes to sports terms. Many sports, such as football (soccer), boxing, wrestling, and traditional Central Asian games, are popular in Uzbekistan, and the language has specific terms to describe these activities. For example, the word "futbol" is used to refer to football, and "quvishtirish" is the term for wrestling [3]. Traditional Uzbek games, such as "kok-boru" (a game similar to polo) and "kupkari" (a game involving horseback riders competing to grab a goat carcass), also have their own specific terms in the Uzbek language [2].

In addition to specific sports terms, Uzbek also has a range of expressions and idiomatic phrases related to sports. For example, the phrase "hayajonli" is used to describe a thrilling and exciting game, while "kuchli komanda" refers to a strong and powerful team. These expressions reflect the importance of sports in Uzbek culture and the enthusiasm and passion with which sports are approached [2].

Lexical Features of Sports Terms in English

English is a language with a long and varied history, and its vocabulary related to sports is equally diverse. The English language has borrowed and adapted many sports terms from other languages, and as a result, it has a wide range of terms and expressions to describe

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various sports activities. For example, the word "football" is used to refer to the popular sport of soccer in many English-speaking countries, while "boxing" and "wrestling" are used to describe combat sports.

In addition to specific sports terms, English also has a variety of idiomatic expressions and phrases related to sports. For example, the phrase "home run" is used to describe a successful achievement, while "ballpark figure" is used to indicate an approximate estimate [4]. These expressions reflect the influence of sports on the English language and its role in shaping everyday communication.

Comparison of Lexical Features

When comparing the lexical features of sports terms in Uzbek and English, several interesting observations can be made. Firstly, both languages have specific terms to describe popular sports activities, such as football, boxing, and wrestling. However, the specific words used in each language may differ due to the linguistic and cultural differences between the two societies. For example, while English uses the word "football" to refer to soccer, Uzbek uses word "futbol".

Furthermore, both languages have idiomatic expressions and phrases related to sports, which reflect the significance of sports in daily life and communication. However, the specific expressions and their usage may vary between the two languages due to cultural differences and historical influences. For example, while English uses the phrase "home run" to describe a successful achievement [2], Uzbek does not have a direct equivalent for this expression.

In conclusion, the lexical features of sports terms in Uzbek and English offer valuable insights into the culture and society of both linguistic communities. Through this comparison, we have seen that both languages have specific terms and expressions related to sports, reflecting the significance of sports in everyday life. However, the specific words and expressions used in each language are influenced by cultural, historical, and linguistic factors. By examining the lexical features of sports terms in Uzbek and English, we gain a deeper understanding of how language reflects the unique characteristics of different societies and shapes our interactions with the world around us.

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