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Annotation: *This article explores the advantages of incorporating proverbs in educational lessons, particularly for language acquisition and cultural understanding. By analyzing proverbs as both linguistic tools and cultural artifacts, we demonstrate how they enhance critical thinking, vocabulary development, and cultural awareness in students. This study is based on an analysis of existing literature and the application of proverbs in English and Uzbek language classes. The findings suggest that proverbs are an effective tool for improving students' oral and written communication skills.*

Keywords: *proverbs, language acquisition, cultural awareness, education, critical thinking*

Аннотация: *Статья посвящена исследованию преимуществ использования пословиц на уроках, особенно в контексте изучения языка и культурного осознания. Показано, что пословицы, являясь одновременно языковыми и культурными артефактами, способствуют развитию критического мышления, расширению словарного запаса и повышению культурной осведомленности у учащихся. В исследовании анализируется существующая литература и использование пословиц на уроках английского и узбекского языков. Результаты показывают, что пословицы — это эффективный инструмент для улучшения устной и письменной речи студентов.*

Ключевые слова: *пословицы, изучение языка, культурная осведомленность, образование, критическое мышление*

Аннотация: *Мазкур мақола дарсларда мақоллардан фойдаланишининг афзалликларини, айниқса, тил ўрганиши ва маданий тушунчаларни шакллантириши нуқтаи назаридан таҳлил қилади. Мақоллар тил воситаси ва маданий артефактлар сифатида ўқувчиларнинг танқидий фикрлашини, лугавий захирасини кенгайтиришига ва маданий хабардорлигини оширишига хизмат қилишини кўрсатади. Тадқиқотда мавжуд адабиётлар таҳлил қилиниб, мақолларни инглиз ва ўзбек тили дарсларида қўллаш амалиёти ўрганилган. Натижалар мақоллар ўқувчиларнинг оғзаки ва ёзма нутқини яхшилашда самарали восита эканлигини кўрсатади.*

Калит сўзлар: *мақоллар, тил ўрганиши, маданий хабардорлик, таълим, танқидий фикрлаш*

Introduction: Proverbs are short, commonly known expressions that convey wisdom, advice, or truth based on common sense and cultural values. They serve as linguistic reflections of a society's worldview, making them valuable for both language acquisition and cultural learning. In educational settings, proverbs can be used to enrich

lessons by enhancing linguistic competence, fostering critical thinking, and offering cultural insights. In language learning, they help students understand the subtleties of expression, idiomatic usage, and cultural contexts.

This article aims to examine the benefits of using proverbs in educational lessons, focusing on how they improve students' language skills and cultural awareness. By analyzing the effectiveness of proverbs in both English and Uzbek language lessons, we aim to highlight their role as tools for linguistic development and intercultural competence.

Literature Review: The use of proverbs in language education has been discussed in various studies. According to Norrick (1985), proverbs play a crucial role in developing students' oral skills as they encapsulate complex ideas in concise forms, promoting memorization and recall. Similar views are supported by Byram and Zarate (1997), who assert that proverbs contribute to cultural learning, as they often reflect societal norms, ethics, and values.

In the context of second language acquisition, scholars like Alexander (2000) emphasize the role of proverbs in helping students navigate figurative language, which is often a challenge for non-native speakers. Research in Uzbek language pedagogy also highlights the significance of proverbs in cultural preservation and linguistic diversity (Sodiqov, 2015). Proverbs are seen as repositories of wisdom and tradition, aiding students in understanding both linguistic patterns and cultural heritage.

Methodology: The research methodology consists of two main components: a literature review and an experimental study. The literature review involved analyzing existing research on the use of proverbs in language learning and teaching. For the experimental study, two groups of students—one learning English and the other learning Uzbek—were selected. Over the course of eight weeks, the experimental group was exposed to proverbs regularly as part of their language lessons, while the control group followed a standard curriculum without proverbs.

Data were collected through assessments, questionnaires, and classroom observations. The focus was on measuring improvements in vocabulary retention, cultural understanding, and critical thinking skills. Additionally, qualitative feedback from students was gathered to gauge their perceptions of learning with proverbs.

Results and Discussion: The results of the study indicate that the students in the experimental group showed significant improvement in their language skills compared to the control group. Vocabulary retention was higher among students exposed to proverbs, with many reporting that the concise and memorable nature of proverbs made it easier to recall new words and phrases. Furthermore, the use of proverbs encouraged critical thinking, as students were required to analyze the deeper meanings behind each saying and relate it to contemporary issues.

Cultural awareness also improved, particularly among students studying Uzbek proverbs. They expressed a deeper understanding of traditional values and societal

norms, which facilitated more meaningful conversations about cultural identity. English language learners similarly reported a better grasp of idiomatic expressions and figurative language, leading to more fluid conversations and improved listening comprehension.

The qualitative feedback revealed that students found proverbs engaging and appreciated their relevance to both historical and modern contexts. However, some students noted challenges in interpreting the meanings of certain proverbs without additional context or guidance, highlighting the importance of proper instruction.

Conclusion: Proverbs serve as powerful tools in the educational process, offering benefits that go beyond language acquisition. They promote critical thinking, enhance vocabulary retention, and provide cultural insights, making them valuable resources in both English and Uzbek language lessons. While some challenges exist in teaching proverbs, particularly in terms of interpretation, the overall findings of this study underscore their effectiveness in improving students' language and intercultural communication skills.

Educators should consider integrating proverbs more regularly into their lesson plans to foster both linguistic and cultural development. Future research could explore the long-term effects of using proverbs in language education and their potential for cross-cultural comparisons.

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