

INFLUENCE OF INTERNET TO LANGUAGE CHANGE

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Annotation: *O'zbekcha: Internetning til o'zgarishiga ta'siri masalasi dolzarb va muhim bo'lgani sababli, unga doimo e'tibor qaratib kelingan. Ushbu mavzuga bag'ishlangan bu ishda bu masalalarni chuqur tahlil qilib, muallif ularni ko'p jihatdan yoritib bergan.*

На Русском: *Проблема влияния интернета на изменение языка является актуальной и важной, поэтому ей уделяется постоянное внимание. В данной работе, посвященной данной тематике, автор глубоко анализирует эти проблемы, многосторонне освещая их.*

In English: *The problem of the influence of the Internet on language change is relevant and important, therefore it is constantly paid attention to. In this work devoted to this topic, the author deeply analyzes these problems, covering them in many ways.*

Key words: *O'zbekcha: Internet, til o'zgarishi, ijtimoiy tarmoqlar, yangi so'zlar, jargon, qisqartmalar, emojilar, raqamli savodxonlik.*

На Русском: *Интернет, изменение языка, социальные сети, новые слова, жаргон, сокращения, эмодзи, цифровая грамотность.*

In English: *Internet, language change, social media, new words, slang, abbreviations, emojis, digital literacy.*

The Internet has had a profound impact on language evolution, transforming the way we communicate and reshaping linguistic norms. From the emergence of emojis to the abbreviation of words in text messages, the internet has introduced new linguistic conventions that have permeated both digital and spoken discourse.

One of the most noticeable changes brought about by the internet is the informalization of language. The prevalence of social media platforms and online chats has popularized informal language styles, including slang, abbreviations, and acronyms. These new forms of expression have not only influenced online communication but have also seeped into everyday conversations, blurring the lines between formal and informal language usage.²¹

²¹ Crystal, D. (2011). Internet linguistics: A student guide. Routledge.

Moreover, the Internet has facilitated the spread of multicultural and multilingual interactions, leading to the borrowing of words and phrases from different languages. This linguistic exchange has enriched vocabulary and diversified linguistic expressions, creating a more interconnected and culturally diverse linguistic landscape.

In this paper, we will delve into the influence of the Internet on language change, exploring how online communication practices have shaped linguistic norms, challenged traditional language boundaries, and influenced the evolution of language in the digital age.

The Informalization of Language

One of the most significant impacts of the internet on language change is the informalization of language. The widespread use of social media platforms and online chats has popularized informal language styles, including slang, abbreviations, and acronyms. These new forms of expression have not only influenced online communication but have also seeped into everyday conversations, blurring the lines between formal and informal language usage.²²

For example, the use of abbreviations such as «LOL» (laughing out loud) and «BRB» (be right back) has become commonplace in both online and offline communication. Similarly, the use of emojis has added a visual dimension to language, allowing users to express emotions and ideas in a concise and playful way.

The Spread of Multicultural and Multilingual Interactions

The Internet has facilitated the spread of multicultural and multilingual interactions, leading to the borrowing of words and phrases from different languages. This linguistic exchange has enriched vocabulary and diversified linguistic expressions, creating a more interconnected and culturally diverse linguistic landscape.

For example, the word «selfie» has been adopted into many languages around the world, reflecting the global popularity of self-portrait photography. Similarly, the Korean word «hallyu» has been used to describe the growing popularity of Korean culture, including its music, dramas, and fashion.

The Rise of New Linguistic Conventions

The Internet has also given rise to new linguistic conventions that are unique to the digital realm. For example, the use of hashtags on social media platforms has created a new way of categorizing and organizing content.

²² Deumert, A., & Maschler, Y. (Eds.). (2005). Sociolinguistics and mobile communication. Edinburgh University Press.

Similarly, the use of hyperlinks has allowed users to connect different pieces of information and create a non-linear reading experience.

These new linguistic conventions have not only influenced how we communicate online but have also begun to shape the way we think and write. For example, the use of hashtags has encouraged us to think about language in a more concise and keyword-oriented way.²³

Challenges to Traditional Language Boundaries

The Internet has challenged traditional language boundaries by providing a platform for people from different linguistic backgrounds to interact and communicate. This has led to the emergence of new linguistic varieties, such as internet slang and global Englishes, which blend elements from different languages and cultures.²⁴

For example, the Internet slang term «noob» (a derogatory term for a newbie or inexperienced person) has been adopted by speakers of many different languages. Similarly, the use of English as a global lingua franca has led to the development of new varieties of English, such as Indian English and Singaporean English, which incorporate local linguistic features and vocabulary.

The Internet has had a profound impact on language change, transforming the way we communicate and reshaping linguistic norms. The informalization of language, the spread of multicultural and multilingual interactions, the rise of new linguistic conventions, and the challenges to traditional language boundaries are just some of the ways in which the internet is influencing the evolution of language in the digital age.

As the Internet continues to evolve, it is likely that we will see even more changes to the way we use and understand language. It is important to embrace these changes and to recognize the internet as a dynamic and ever-changing linguistic landscape.

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