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Abstract: *Set expressions are an important part of stylistics as they represent fixed or semi-fixed combinations of words with specific meanings and stylistic functions. They contribute to the expressiveness, emotional colouring, and cultural richness of language. This article examines the role of idioms, proverbs, clichés, collocations, and phraseological units in stylistic analysis and highlights their functions in different types of discourse.*

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Annotatsiya: *Turg'un birikmalar stilistika fanida muhim o'rin tutadi, chunki ular ma'lum ma'noga ega bo'lgan barqaror so'z birikmalaridir. Ular nutqning ifodaliligini oshiradi, emotsional rang beradi va madaniy mazmunni boyitadi.*

Kalit so'zlar: *turg'un birikmalar, idiomalar, frazeologik birliklar, stilistika*

Аннотация: *Устойчивые выражения играют важную роль в стилистике, так как представляют собой устойчивые сочетания слов с определённым значением и функцией. Они усиливают выразительность речи и придают ей эмоциональную окраску.*

Ключевые слова: *устойчивые выражения, идиомы, фразеологизмы, стилистика*

Set expressions occupy a significant place in stylistics as they represent fixed or semi-fixed combinations of words that function as single units of meaning. Unlike free word combinations, their structure and meaning are stable, which allows them to be recognized and interpreted as ready-made language units.¹ These expressions include idioms, proverbs, collocations, clichés, and other phraseological units that enrich language and make communication more expressive and vivid.

In stylistic analysis, set expressions are studied not only for their meaning but also for their function in a particular context. They often carry figurative meanings that

¹ Kunin A.V. English-Russian Phraseological Dictionary. – Moscow: Russky Yazyk, 1984.

go beyond the literal interpretation of their components. For example, idioms such as “break the ice” or “spill the beans” cannot be understood word by word but must be interpreted as whole units. This figurative nature makes them powerful tools for creating imagery and emotional impact.²

One of the main stylistic functions of set expressions is to enhance expressiveness. By using familiar and culturally loaded phrases, speakers and writers can convey complex ideas in a concise and memorable way.³ These expressions often evoke associations and emotions, making the text more engaging for the reader. In literary texts, they contribute to the creation of imagery and help develop the author’s individual style.

Another important function is the creation of tone and register. The use of certain types of set expressions can make a text more formal or informal. For instance, proverbs and traditional sayings may add a didactic or authoritative tone, while idioms and slang expressions create a conversational and informal atmosphere. Thus, set expressions play a crucial role in shaping the stylistic character of a text.

Set expressions also reflect cultural values and social experience. Many proverbs and idioms are rooted in the history and traditions of a particular community. As a result, they serve as carriers of cultural knowledge and help preserve linguistic heritage. Understanding such expressions requires not only linguistic competence but also cultural awareness.

From a stylistic perspective, authors often use set expressions creatively. They may modify or transform them to achieve specific effects such as humor, irony, or emphasis. This process, known as stylistic transformation, demonstrates the flexibility of language and the creative potential of fixed expressions. For example, changing a well-known idiom slightly can produce a surprising or humorous effect.

The use of set expressions is also closely connected with other areas of linguistics. In lexicology, they are studied as part of vocabulary. Phraseology focuses specifically on their structure and classification. Discourse analysis examines how they function in real communication, while cultural linguistics explores their cultural significance.⁴ Translation studies also deal with the challenges of rendering set expressions from one language into another, as their meanings are often culture-specific.

² Kunin A.V. English-Russian Phraseological Dictionary. – Moscow: Russky Yazyk, 1984.

³ Galperin I.R. Stylistics. – Moscow: Higher School, 1981.

⁴ Cowie A.P. Phraseology: Theory, Analysis, and Applications. – Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998.

In conclusion, set expressions are a vital element of stylistics that significantly contribute to the richness and effectiveness of language. Their use enhances expressiveness, creates stylistic effects, and reflects cultural identity. A deep understanding of these expressions is essential for both language learners and researchers, as it allows for more accurate interpretation and more effective communication.

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