DOI: https://doi.org/10.37547/mesmj-V4-I2-13 Pages: 88-92

MENTAL ENLIGHTENMENT SCIENTIFIC – METHODOLOGICAL JOURNAL



MENTAL ENLIGHTENMENT SCIENTIFIC – METHODOLOGICAL JOURNAL

http://mentaljournal-jspu.uz/index.php/mesmj/index



LINGUISTIC AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS OF EUPHEMISMS

Hilola I. Ismailova

Lecturer Kokand State Pedagogical Institute Kokand, Uzbekistan

E-mail: ismailovaxilola4906@gmail.com

ABOUT ARTICLE

Key words: Training tools, physical and combat training stage, sambo tools, size, physical training, combat training.

Received: 01.04.23 **Accepted:** 03.04.23 **Published:** 05.04.23

Abstract: This article describes the linguistic and social analysis of euphemisms, the reasons and the ways of the usage of euphemisms in social spheres are also discussed in this article. It also considers the use of euphemisms in different situations.

Euphemisms can be found in both literature and everyday language. While everyone uses euphemistic language as a means of sharing messages, the reason for the change may be various. It is pointed out that the most frequently used topics in euphemistic language are death, disease, imprisonment, and male-female relationships.

Stylistic peculiarities of euphemisms as metaphors, metonymies, word play and irony are also mentioned in this paper and the advantages of using euphemisms in mass media in terms of advertising outlined in the current article.

INTRODUCTION

A euphemism is an appropriate phrase or phrase used in place of words that may be found inappropriate or insulting. Euphemisms are often used in everyday language and literature to replace a language that some may not like. Euphemistic language is commonly used in the literature, especially in older works, as a method of conveying a message without compromising the possibility of censorship for rude language.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Euphemistic language can be found in both literature and everyday language. But a better understanding of the meaning of euphemism is used. While everyone uses euphemistic language as a means of conveying other things, the reason for the change may be different.

ISSN: 2181-1547 (E) / 2181-6131 (P)

Avoid insulting words. In particular, in past conservative periods, euphemisms were commonly used in everyday conversations to avoid insulting and even taboo languages. The most common topics used in euphemistic language are death, imprisonment, and male-female relationships.

The main source of motivation for the euphemistic synonyms labelling death is fear. There are various types of anxiety including fear of the loss of our close relatives and friends, uncertainty what comes after death or where our souls go. Humankind had to face these frights and people tried to find the answers over the thousands of years. In the history, there were periods in which speaking about death was tabularized more than an open discussion about sex. On the other hand, there was the era of the Middle Ages in which the symbols of death were seen everywhere and death was an acceptable part of life. Later on the point of view on death started to change and people saw it as a journey and in this sense euphemisms were created – pass over, go to a better place, go home, go the way of all flesh, go to the happy hunting ground, go to meet one's maker.

Euphemisms are vital when dealing with the topic of death and dying and they provide us a certain protection against the unease connecting with this issue. Thus we use – to pass away, to go sleep, to go away or to depart when speaking about death. Some terms differ according to profession for example euphemisms in a medical sphere are non-heart-beating donor, losing vital signs and negative patient-care outcomes. Butchers would avoid it using the phrase – drop off the hook, actors would refer to it as – the last 21 curtain call. "Boxers take the last count, gourmands lay down their knife and fork, gamblers cash in their chips, computer programmers go off-line (Keyes, 2010: 145)."

After one's death, funerals and ceremony of burying are another sad experience people have to go through. Thus, this sphere of language is also substituted by soothing word equivalent. Funerals are organized by *funeral services* and *funeral director* and definitely not by mortician or undertaker. When referring to the dead person people use euphemisms such as *loved one*, *dear departed* or *the late Mr./Mrs. X.* Word corpse and the remains have been substituted by the *deceased* or *causality*. The bodies are buried not in a casket, but rather in a *coffin* or even in *alternative containers* when taking new trend in non-traditional funerals into consideration. They *rest in a cemetery*, which used to be a euphemism for graveyard, or their ashes can be *scattered in a garden* or they can *rest in a garden of memories*.

Character traits. If a particular protagonist in a film or literature uses a euphemism, it can be seen that the character is more conservative or attentive to the use of inappropriate language. Saying the wrong version of the sentence is a direct manifestation of their characterization. For example, in

A. Kadiriy's book The Last Days "Otabek uylanganligini aytganida onasi uni koyib, seni o'sha Marg'ilonlik sehrgar «andi» o'z sehru jodusiga olgan deb koyiganda ham Otabek ota-onasiga qarshi gap aytolmadi.", in the sentence "Ra'noni egasiga topshirmagunimizcha, — dedi Nigor oyim, — quyilmaydiganga o'xshaydi" (A. Kadiriy) In other words, from the point of view of speech etiquette, the epiphysy in the form of handing over to the owner is used instead of the word to give to the owner.

Euphemisms often change depending on the time of the story or appear more or less. If a novel, film, or television takes place over a period of time, the euphemism can be used to describe the vernacular of the period. For example: Quvnoq alifbo or Happy alphabet (on Bolajon TV channel)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Diversity of language. Euphemisms are ways of using different words to say the same thing. This allows writers to add variety to their writing so that creativity and actions or phrases don't become monotonous. Euphemisms are poetic and can create images that literally can't do in language. For example, in Othello, Shakespeare uses the term "animal through two" as a euphemism for male and female relationships. This example creates more imagery and variety than just saying the two are in touch. In Uzbek, "yukli, og'ir oyoq" instead of "pregnant."

Euphemism is a common word or phrase in everyday language and conversation. They allow us to have awkward conversations without using annoying language. For example, when a boss tells an employee to "let go" instead of "dismiss" the goal is to soften the blow. about examples of euphemism in literature: George Orwell's 1984 work used euphemistic language within the story to describe the dystopian society's propaganda. In the book, "newspeak" became the official language of Oceania. He uses euphemisms like "joycamp" instead of "forced labor camp" as well as "Minipax" for "Minister of War".

The use of euphemistic language in 1984 effectively criticizes the government's attempts to mislead citizens through credible propaganda. Watts notes the euphemistic use of the word 'defense' has increased in modern times: after the Second World War, the U.S. Department of War became the Department of Defense and, in 1964, the British War Office became the Ministry of Defense.

One of the reasons writers used the euphemisms we listed above was to mark the time period of the story. This is especially true when writing and creating a work of the period. Euphemism is not just a way to avoid rude words. They can be used in literature and screenwriting to both define social norms and critique them. As a writer, use euphemisms as a means of reflecting on the world you are creating and the characters you live in.

Types of Euphemism in Writing: Politeness. Impoliteness is usually regarded as a social taboo, which is why euphemisms act as mitigation tools that reduce the severity of the given situation. Diplomacy. Diplomatic discourse is a genuine art. Abstraction. Litotes. Spin euphemism.

ISSN: 2181-1547 (E) / 2181-6131 (P)

The most frequently occurring euphemisms included metaphors (orange skin), metonymy (it, these, other), word-play (Roger Moore), irony (hell), and the like. For some time now, the marketing industry has been using the soft language of euphemism to overcome expressions that may offend consumers or suggest something unpleasant. Euphemisms are employed to avoid saying anything controversial, taboo, or indiscreet, and can be really witty and out-and-out comical at times.

A 'euphemism' is an indirect way of talking about something that might be rude, upsetting or taboo. We use euphemisms to make things sound better or, at least less offensive.

Types of advertising that euphemism are used. Newspaper. Newspaper advertising can promote your business to a wide range of customers. Magazine. Advertising in a specialist magazine can reach your target market quickly and easily. Radio. Television. Directories. Outdoor and transit. Direct mail, catalogues and leaflets. Online.

Euphemisms are considered 'comfort words' as they are used to avoid discomfort and reduce tension when speaking to people but it is not good to use euphemisms in academic writing. Many style guides advise writers to avoid euphemisms informal reports and academic writing. What is a negative consequence of using a euphemism? It can minimize the seriousness of something. One communication strategy used by speakers is called "euphemism" which is "the extension of ordinary words and phrases to express unpleasant and embarrassing ideas" (Hudson, 2000, p. 261). Indeed, euphemism is considered as part of politeness and it deals with how to avoid being rude to others or too direct.

Euphemisms are fallacious because they are intentionally used to conceal the truth and obscure any real meaning; they are soft language used to mask or downplay warranted emotional force. Being ambiguous or vague in meaning brands euphemisms as a type of weasel word.

In order to achieve spiritual maturity, it is necessary to use the language, which is a cultural heritage, appropriately, rationally and effectively, to study it deeply and to enjoy it. After all, the interaction of any person with the people in the environment in which he lives, his beliefs, adherence to traditions, aspirations, national values ensure the formation of his personality. Every aspect of this process is linked to language, or language acts as a tool in any situation.

CONCLUSION

It can be said that the need to express concepts that are morally and culturally unusable or found to be inappropriate in a more lenient manner, sometimes with the help of words, creates euphemisms, and each of the social strata is always created as a new invention. The value of euphemisms can be said to be a factor of their unusualness, urgency, of human reasoning.

REFERENCES

[1]. Abbott, G. 2010. 'Dying and Killing: Euphemisms in Current English'. *English Today* 26/4: 51-52.

[2]. Allan, K. and K. Burridge. 1991. *Euphemisms & Dysphemisms: Language Used as Shield and Weapon*. New York: Oxford University Press.

ISSN: 2181-1547 (E) / 2181-6131 (P)

- [3]. Allan, K. and K. Burridge 2006. *Forbidden Words: Taboo and the Censoring of Language*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- [4]. Burridge, K. 1997. 'Euphemism with Attitude: Politically Charged Language Change'. *Historical Linguistics*. Philadelphia: John Benjamins Publishing Company, 57-76.
 - [5]. Epstein, J. 1984. 'Sex and Euphemism'. Commentary 77/4: 55-60.
- [6]. Fernández, E. C. 2008. 'Sex-related Euphemism and Dysphemism: An Analysis in Terms of Conceptual Metaphor'. *Atlantis* 30/2: 95-110.
- [7]. Keyes, R. 2010. *Euphemania: Our Love Affair with Euphemisms*. New York: Little, Brown and Company.
- [8]. Linfoot-Ham, K. 2005. 'The Linguistics of Euphemism: A Diachronic Study of Euphemism Formation'. *Journal of Language and Linguistics* 4/2: 227- 263.
- [9]. Lutz, Wang. 1988-89. 'Doublespeak'. *Public Relations Quarterly* [online] [cit. 2017-04-05]. < http://bradysenglish.weebly.com/uploads/8/5/2/9/8529466/lutz_-_doublespeak.pdf>.
- [10]. Rawson, H. 1995. Rawson's Dictionary of Euphemisms and Other Doubletalk: Being a Compilation of Linguistic Fig Leaves and Verbal Flourishes for Artful Users of the English Language. New York: Crown Publishers.
- [11]. Southerland, R. and F. Katamba. 1997. *Euphemisms in Contemporary Linguistics*. New York: Longman.
- [12]. Mirtojiev M.M. Semantics of the Uzbek language. Tashkent: Mumtoz soz, 2010. 288 p. https://www.twirpx.com/file/3052388/
- [13]. Gulyamova Sh.K. Gender features of euphemisms of the Uzbek language: abstract of the dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in philological sciences. -Buxoro, 2020. http://213.230.96.51:8090/files/ebooks
- [14]. Dilorom Yuldasheva. Professional Phraseology. International conference on academic studies in philology (BICOASP) 26-28 September 2019 Bandirma https://diloromy.org/diloromy.net/60539392/
- [15]. Differences in the 1926 and 1933 editions of The Past Days. Abdullah Qadiri, Last Days, Scorpion from the Altar. Ghafur Ghulam Publishing House of Literature and Art. Tashkent, 1994, p.640
- [16]. Inomovna, Ismailova Hilola, Xatamova Ziyoda Gulyamovna, And Burxanova Dilnoza Ilhomjon Qizi. "Classification and Types of Euphemisms." *Journal Impact Factor:* 7.223 (2020): 54