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Humor is a Universal Phenomenon

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ABSTRACT

The paper describes humor as a difficult subject for modern linguistics. In addition, it analyzes the peculiarities and incomprehension of jokes in English. The article contrasts Uzbek and English cultures.

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Historically and currently, numerous aspects of daily communication have been carefully considered. It is well known that every language in the world is being developed and updated. Other languages are impacted by the development of new technology, as well as the words and behaviors that go along with them. The impact of languages on one another has increased, particularly as a result of the Internet and global communication. These beliefs are unequivocally supported by numerous social media posts. Nowadays, linguocultural studies consistently examine and comprehend humor as a language fact, which has a significant impact. Although it is not adequately defined, humor is a vital component of communication. In spite of humor being taken into account in many talks.

Humor is a universal phenomenon that is also unique to certain people. The cultural aspect is the most important aspect of humor and covers the realities of human life. Aspects of life, values, and even worldview are all important to each nation. Because the mentalities of the Uzbek and British nationalities are fundamentally different, understanding their attitudes toward humor necessitates extra effort. The fact that most

Uzbeks who hear English jokes may not find them amusing and may even find them incomprehensible. This is why people think English jokes aren't funny. As a result, linguists are challenged to convey the main point of the joke in a humorous manner even to someone who does not understand it.

Humor is an undeniable component of our lives. This is due to a number of factors. Humor is effective in the learning process for both adults and children, and one example is the process of learning a language, which allows for the recall of various objects. Humor brings people together, creates a warm communication environment, and helps people get to know each other better; however, misunderstanding of humor can cause various conflicts during a conversation, particularly in intercultural communication. For example, the British typically begin a conversation with various weather jokes, whereas Uzbek conversations always begin with questions about the mutual situation and relatives. Naturally, the British critical attitude toward their climate is incomprehensible and far from amusing to us.

Humor causes laughter, but it's also worth noting that everyone has their own point of view, personal dimensions of laughter and

humor. Because humor is an abstract concept, it creates various unsolvable riddles even for the most advanced linguist [2; 45].

Humor is multifaceted, and it is broadly defined as a mixed approach of indiscriminate laughter to a particular phenomenon of life. In a narrow sense, funny situations and jokes are understood to be the result of a person expressing himself in unusual or metaphorical ways. The first category contains various works of art and creative samples, while the second contains various jokes [1; 89].

Humor is a limitless topic for conversations and even debates. Whoever's humor is natural, deep and innocent, not only the people of that region, but also other peoples and countries will become fans of it. It's no secret that English jokes cause a lot of controversy. It is worth saying that English jokes are distinguished from other nations' jokes by their naturalness. In Great Britain there is an expression:

"Everyone has a fool in his sleeve"

English humor is subtle and rich. They have the feature of being updated very quickly. They are not like jokes that have been repeated so many times that they have lost their sense of humor. It doesn't matter who and what the situation is for the British. They can even reach the king's doorstep with their jokes. They especially like to tease their neighbors. English jokes can be understood. That's why they make other people angry. Here, let's reinforce our words with an example. If the sentence "horse man knew her" is pronounced quickly, it sounds like "horse manure". However, this sentence has the meaning of "horse droppings" [3; 102].

As mentioned above, understanding English words is problematic. To solve this, it is necessary to study their culture, lifestyle, profession, values, family environment and, of course, their character. For example, one of Britain's favorite topics of conversation is the weather. In Europe, it is hardly mentioned. Even when talking about a completely different topic, the British often throw in humorous sentences about the weather.

We enjoy English literature and films. See Jerome K. Consider Jerome's *Three Men in a Boat*. This is a one-of-a-kind example of English

humour. In it, the author expresses the position of the work's heroes in a humorous way. The hilarity of strange misunderstandings and incidents reflects the British mentality. At first glance, everything appears to be exaggerated, a half-smile appears on the face, but after a while, when a person recalls such cases in his life, when he recalls his actions in the process of repairing a house, trying to self-medicate, or in similar life situations, he bursts into laughter. Jerome K. Jerome was a writer who could elevate the ordinary [5; 56].

According to the results of the research, jokes are one of the manifestations of the culture of the British nation. For them, joking is as natural as breathing. They can laugh at themselves and others with great skill. This trait is a centuries-old idea in England that a person should be inculcated with the ability to joke. Otherwise it will not be perfect.

Humor haunts the British everywhere: in the mirror of the world, in radio broadcasts, in books and various publications, as well as in everyday life. English speakers are not affected by such jokes because they have become a part of English life. But for representatives of other nationalities, it may be more difficult to understand them, to understand their essence. In our opinion, no nation has the ability to laugh at itself like the English. For them, the subject of humor knows no bounds. They can laugh at everything in sight. Even over things that have been held sacred for years [4; 121].

The pinnacle of English humor lies in the ability to laugh at one's own shortcomings in difficult situations. In such situations, it is important for them not to be offended by a joke, but to be able to understand such a joke and respond appropriately to it. English people joke about their seriousness of feelings, slowness of actions, mistakes and even bad luck.

The spread of the English language also spread to the world the unique jokes of the people who are the owners of this language. This helped to understand the culture and mentality of the British people. However, these jokes are not appreciated by other nations who have different cultures. As serious as the English people are, their humorous outlook on life is remarkably high. The German writer Jan Paul

writes about this: "Serious people have a strong and impressive passion for humor" [1, p 148].

Another characteristic of English jokes is that they laugh even at their own faults and mistakes. One such example happened during the visit of Elizabeth II to the USA. Because the lectern and microphone were placed high in relation to the Queen's height, only her headgear was visible to the participants of the convention. On her next visit, the Queen began her speech with the following words.

Dear gentlemen, I hope you can see me now.

The English nation, judging from his serious appearance, considers it an insult to be suspected of not understanding a joke. For the English nation, the power of humor is not significant, because it has become their way of life. But for representatives of other nationalities, it can be difficult to understand them, to understand their essence. The pinnacle of English humor lies in the ability to laugh at one's own shortcomings in difficult situations. In such a situation, it is very important not to be offended by a joke, but to approach it positively and respond appropriately.

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