

## LEXICAL UNITS EXPRESSING CONCEPT “HOSPITALITY” IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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**Annotation:** *This thesis deals with one of the most popular concepts in cognitive linguistics; that is concept of “hospitality”. As we know, various concepts are related to culture, identity, history, social conditions of this or that nation. Concept “hospitality” is closely related to the culture of the nation. There are a number of ways to express hospitality issues in language. The most effective ones – lexical units and proverbs that contain cultural data of this or that concept. The thesis focuses on the definitions and meanings of words and proverbs that can be concerned with hospitality.*

**Аннотация:** *Этот тезис посвящена одному из самых популярных понятий в когнитивной лингвистике; то есть понятие «гостеприимство». Как известно, различные понятия связаны с культурой, самобытностью, историей, социальными условиями того или иного народа. Понятие «гостеприимство» тесно связано с культурой нации. Есть несколько способов выразить вопросы гостеприимства в языке. Наиболее действенные из них – лексические единицы и пословицы, содержащие культурологические данные того или иного концепта. В тезисе основное внимание уделяется определениям и значениям слов и пословиц, которые могут быть связаны с гостеприимством.*

**Key words:** *hospitality, identity, concept, interaction, to symbolize, to represent, to transfer, perception, significance.*

**Ключевые слова:** *гостеприимство, идентичность, концепция, взаимодействие, символизировать, представлять, передавать, восприятие, значение.*

Hospitality is one of the most important cultural issues of any language that is related to the history, culture, traditions, customs, identity of this or that nation. Lexical units including idioms, proverbs, riddles, word combinations, phrases, set-expressions and others contain some data concerning hospitality codes or features of the nation. To reveal them may help us understand hidden linguistics data of the concept “hospitality”. Concepts are based on our experiences. Concepts can be based on real phenomena and are a generalized idea of something of meaning. Examples of concepts include common demographic measures: income, age, education level, number of siblings. All these factors make up a common concept of one notion.

The blooming of cultural linguistics, science of interrelation and interaction of language and culture, is associated with various factors. The relationship between culture and language has been studied for many years, and despite some differences in the approaches, scholars agree that a close relationship exists between language and culture. “A language is a part of culture, and a culture is a

part of a language; the two are intricately interwoven so that one cannot separate the two without losing the significance of either language or culture”, without any doubt these two notions cannot be separated from each other. As it is identified, there are three ways how language and culture are bound together. First, language expresses cultural reality (with words people express facts and ideas but also reflect their attitudes). Second, language embodies cultural reality (people give meaning to their experience through the means of communication). Third, language symbolizes cultural reality (people view their language as a symbol of their social identity).<sup>1</sup>

In any language picture of the world expressions that represent the concept of "hospitality" can be classified into six probable groups: 1) openness, kindness: to show extra respect, to do one's best, to meet the guests with pleasure, welcome the guests; 2) the location of the guest, to give the guest a place, a place of honor; 3) following the traditions, rites, rituals: to greet the guests, to treat the guests, to respect the guests, to show extra hospitality; 4) the relation of the subject to the object: to give a hearty welcome, to care for a guest, to meet the guest; 5) gratitude of the guests to a host: to be grateful, to thank.

Hospitality is one of the key traditional values that form a cultural view of the nation. Each nation has got its own ways of greeting and hosting guests. These cultural habits, traditions and customs are transferred into the language of the nation. Idioms, phrases, proverbs, riddles, common lexical units contain elements of concept "hospitality" in their basic and express these attitudes in various situations. Common lexical unit "hospitable" as an adjective can have a number of synonyms as "receptive" (ready to be hospitable), "companionable" ([friendly](#) and [pleasant](#) to be with), "social" (to be [friendly](#) with [others](#)), "neighbourly" ([friendly](#) or [helpful](#) to [your neighbours](#)), "cordial" ([friendly](#), but [formal](#) and [polite](#)), "kind" ([generous](#), [helpful](#), and [thinking](#) about other people's [feelings](#)), "gregarious" ([liking](#) to be with other [people](#)). These lexical units are based on the nation's perception of "hospitality" concept. Below we are going to give some more words that denote the notion of hospitable person in English culture: "sociable", "companionable", "accommodating", "obliging", "amiable", "accessible", "amenable", "amicable", "friendly", "bountiful", "charitable", "generous", "liberal", "convivial", "genial", "open", "open-minded", "courteous", "gracious", "magnanimous", "responsive".<sup>2</sup>

Proverbs can offer a shortcut for explaining or imparting information as well. Proverbs communicate an understood and accepted message in a few well-worn and well-known words. They are deeply connected with the nation's culture.<sup>3</sup> Below we are going to give some English proverbs that express concept of "hospitality": "The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it."; "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."; "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel". As the main notion of the "hospitality" concept a word "guest" can play an essential role in forming this issue. We are presenting the most popular proverbs taken from other nations to express hospitality in English culture and language: "A daily guest is a great thief in the kitchen" (Dutch proverb); "A guest sees more in an hour than the host in a year" (Polish proverb); "The guest who seeks special

<sup>1</sup> Maslova, V.A. Tutorial, Linguaculturology. 2001

<sup>2</sup> Krasnykh V.V. Ethnopsycholinguistics and cultural linguistics M: Gnosis, 2002

<sup>3</sup> Makhmudovich, T. M., "Proverb as an essential lexical unit representing national culture and identity", dotsent, PhD, Bukhara State University, Uzbekistan. SCIENTIFIC REPORTS OF BUKHARA STATE UNIVERSITY, 2022, 105.

attention muddies the host's tea" (Japanese proverb); "The guest who outstays his fellow guests loses his overcoat" (Chinese proverb); "A guest for a day is welcome the whole year" (Yiddish proverb).<sup>4</sup>

The presence of so many proverbs, idioms and phrases related to the concept of hospitality in the paremiological fund of the English language shows that the concept of hospitality is culturally specific in the English language consciousness and one of the most basic concepts of the English culture.

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