



# The Issue of Expression of Human Wishes in Language



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### **1** Introduction

As any type of speech, including wishful speech, is produced by man, it is natural to observe the qualities peculiar to the human. In this sense, every speech is anthropocentric. As N. Makhmudov noted, "Since language is the main component of the human personality" (Mahmudov, 2012), it is a fact that the direct expression of the human personality in language, especially in speech, which is a unit of its syntactic system, does not require proof. Since the last quarter of the last century, the study of linguistic units in the anthropocentric aspect has begun to receive serious attention in world linguistics. The anthropocentric approach to the study of language suggests that language, in addition to systemic features, is also a manifestation of human qualities, that "as long as language is created by man, it cannot be understood and explained without contact with its creator and user" (Kravchenko, 2009; Alpatov, 1993; Vorkachev, 2001; Boldyrev, 2001; Maslova, 2007; Leshchenko, 2014).

#### The main part

The study of language units from an anthropocentric perspective has clarified not only the relationship between language and man, but also the relationship between language and culture, language and psyche, language and society, and so on. As D. Kudaiberganova notes, "The anthropocentric paradigm is a set of doctrines and methods that studies language not only as a structure, but also as an open system based on communication, studying it in relation to other systems such as society, man, culture, psyche, not analyzing man within language or language within man" (Kudaibergenova, 2019; Makhmudov & Ashirova, 2019; Alavutdinova, 2015). Therefore, it is safe to say that all human speech is anthropocentric. Because not only the systemic nature of language, but also the person, his culture, psyche, etc. are reflected in the speech, which confirms our opinion.

One of these types of anthropocentric speech is desire speech. It is known that Uzbek speakers actively use expressions to express their wishes in speech. The occurrence of a wish is primarily related to the person, the grammatical system of the language he uses, and the lexical structure. In the formation of desire sentences, a person does not put his desires into ready-made speech patterns, but in the process chooses the one from the existing units of language based on how he knows, perceives the world, personal experience, language skills and knowledge. In the process of choosing language units, the characteristics of the human personality are also taken into account. Accordingly, in different languages there are differences not only in the semantic-syntactic structure of desire sentences, but also in the pragmatic, cognitive, national-cultural aspects. For example, it can be observed that the age of language speakers plays an important role in the formation of desire sentences. The majority of preschoolers use expressions in their speech because of their age. Children of this age, unlike adults, try to express their desires openly. For this reason, they make effective use of the verb lexemes, mainly, in the formation of wish sentences. There are many hidden forms of desire in adult speech, and adults do not always express their desires openly. Of course, this is connected with the mentality of the Uzbek nation, national and cultural values. This fact also shows that age is an important factor in the formation of desires (Mahmudov et al., 2019; Cameron & Kulick, 2003).

#### 2 Results and Discussions

We know that desire is first and foremost reflection of a person's desires. However, there are also wishes that directly reflect people's desires, aspirations, modal attitude to reality, mood, age, gender, and so on. In this case, the semantics of wish sentences are complicated by pragmatic factors. For example, *Oh*, *I wish my pain was relieved!* (*Ox, қанийди дардим енгиллашса!*) In addition to expressing the speaker's desires, his speech also reflected his state of mind (depression). Such desires are semantically complex, although they have a simple syntactic structure. The presupposition "My pain is severe, my pain is not relieved" (Дардим огир, дардим енгиллаимаялти) provides information about the mood of the speaker (Gibbs, 2003; Désiré, 2002; Rauch & Dallasega, 2020).

This means that such desires, in addition to the communicative purpose of the speaker, also reflect his personal qualities (psyche, attitude to reality, social status, etc.). This also indicates the need to study the desires in relation to the person who created them. In linguistics, the issue of the expression of human desires in speech has been studied in various aspects. In particular, the semantic-structural aspects of desire have been studied in recent years in anthropocentric aspects.

In Uzbek linguistics, wish words, although not called by that name, were first described by Fitrat. Fitrat called such statements *wishful thinking (munak can)*. He wrote: "The purpose of speech is not only to express a thinking,

but also to make it possible or impossible for something to happen that is called a wish sentence. Sentences with the verbs imperative, interjection, and incitement are called "wishes." Such as, *Синамаган отнинг сиртидан ўтма. Отанг боласи бўлма, одам боласи бўл! Шу хатни ўкуб берсангиз-чи!* The form of the conditional verb used for "hope" is also the "wish" when the sentence is a participle. *Кўнгли тилаган муродга етса киши!* The words that begin with the Persian words "I wish I could" are also "wish sentence": *Кошки меним сўзимни тингласа. Шоятким қолсангиз* (Bobir)" (Fitrat, 2006). Apparently, Fitrat gave the first information about the essence and syntactic structure of wish sentences.

However, in Uzbek linguistics, wish sentences have not been studied as a separate type of speech for many years. Only in 1995, in the textbook of N.Mahmudov, A.Nurmanov "Theoretical grammar of the Uzbek language" (Mahmudov: 1995, pp. 46-47), wish sentences were separated as a separate type of speech according to the purpose of expression, and only after that in the higher education institutions, educational literature of the direction, in school textbooks, wish sentences began to be given as a separate type of speech.

The textbook "Theoretical grammar of the Uzbek language" gives a brief overview of the semantic-syntactic structure of wish sentences, which states that desire is formed by verb forms with the affix *-sa* in the cut function, K/f. *-sa*/style construction model is shown (Mahmudov, 1995; Kortenkamp & Moore, 2001; Santiago & Lynn, 2020). It should be noted that before this work in Uzbek linguistics, desire sentences were not separated as a separate type of sentence, but in the morphological (*-sa* conditional, command-desire forms), syntactic (positive, command, in emotional sentences). For example, in AGulyamov's "Verb", A.Khojiev's "Verb", "Incomplete verb" the expression of the meaning of desire through conditional and imperative tendencies of the verb is mentioned (Gulomov, 1964; Khudaybergenova, 2020; Hojiev: 1973).

M. Sodikova's book "Verb Stylistics" also shows the expression of desire through the affixes of the conditional and imperative moods of the verb, as well as the units of *κοιικu*, *καнu* (*καнu σdu*, *καhu σdu*) (Sodiqova: 1975, p. 11). In general, all works on the study of verbs express the idea that the meaning of desire is expressed through the indicators of conditional and imperative tendencies (Aglamova, 1966; Uzbek grammar, 1975; Shoabdurahmonov, 1980; Tursunov, 1991). The issue of expression of desire in the speech was also mentioned by S. Solikhojaeva. In her study, "*Emotional Sentences in Modern Uzbek*", the scholar provided information on the expression of desire in emotional sentences, although she did not classify wish sentences as a separate type of speech (Salikhodjaeva, 1981).

In D. Lutfullayeva's research on "Denial and formal-semantic inconsistency in affirmative statements", desire sentences are also distinguished as a separate type of speech. The main focus of the study was on the expression of affirmation and denial in wish statements (Lutfullaeva: 1997, p. 21). In M. Bazarova's research on "Linguistic features of speech units expressing the content of positive wishes in the Uzbek language (based on prayers and speech etiquette)" the words expressing positive wishes were selected and linguistically analyzed. In this work, the scholar focused on the analysis of prayers and speech etiquette (Bazarova, 2007; Linebarger et al., 1983; Gupta, 2007; Friederici, 1982). Anthropocentric approaches to the study of linguistic units have emerged in world linguistics since the last quarter of the last century. As a result, syntactic units were studied in cognitive, pragma linguistic, lingvoculturological, and sociolinguistic aspects. Wish sentences has also been studied in cognitive, pragmatic aspects. In particular, in the study of Ye.Yu. Makeeva "Functional-semantic field as a means of representation of the concept of "wish" in English (in synchrony and diachrony)" the expression of desire is analyzed in cognitive aspect, synchronous and diachronic directions (Makeeva: 2006, p. 23). The concept of "wish" was also studied in S.V.Masterskikh's work «Концепт «желание» в сопоставительном плане (на материале глагольных лексем русского, английского и немецкого языков) », but in this work the verbs expressing desire are comparative-typological (Masterskikh, 2004; Ali et al., 2019; Ekasani, 2016).

It is well-known that the wishes of the speaker are also reflected in the wish sentences. Linguists have also focused on this issue. In particular, M.K.Gusarenko's study «Дискурсивные разновидности, перлокутивная прагматика и пропозициональные характеристики речевого акта пожелания в современном русском языке» showed that the desire to express the wishes of the speaker through a speech act (Gusarenko, 2005). D.F. Komorova's study «Прагмалингвистические особенности пожелания в немецком и русском языках» also noted the expression of the wishes of the speaker (Komorova, 2005). In Turkish studies, it is said that desire is also expressed in syntactic devices that express wishes. For example, in the research work of K.E.Gadjieva and A.A.Abdulin, the expression of desire was expressed in wishful speech labels (Gadjieva, 1989; Abdulin, 2006).

## **3** Conclusion

An analysis of the scientific sources on the statements of desire shows that in world linguistics such words are studied as a separate object of study in structural-semantic, pragmatic, cognitive, linguocultural aspects. In Uzbek linguistics, the semantic-syntactic and pragmatic features of wish sentences should be studied separately. So, as long as the wish sentences are created by man, they are, of course, anthropocentric. While the syntactic structure of desire sentences is determined by the grammatical structure of a particular language, the semantic and pragmatic structure is formed by the lexical-grammatical units that express desire, as well as the communicative purpose of the speaker, personality traits, and speech situation.

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