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Semantic, Stylistic and Linguostatistical Features of Verbal Vocabulary in The Poetry of O.O. Suleimenov

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Abstract

This article examines the semantic, stylistic, and linguostatistical features of verbal vocabulary in the poetic texts of O.O. Suleimenov. Verbs occupy a central position in poetic discourse, serving not only as grammatical markers of action but also as significant expressive means that shape imagery, dynamism, and emotional intensity. The study analyzes the functions of verbal units in Suleimenov's poetry, identifies their semantic groups, and evaluates their stylistic significance through qualitative and quantitative methods. The findings demonstrate that verbs in Suleimenov's poetic language perform multiple functions, including the representation of movement, emotional states, intellectual activity, and historical processes. Linguostatistical analysis reveals the predominance of dynamic verbs, which contribute to the energetic and philosophical nature of the poet's artistic worldview. The article concludes that verbal vocabulary constitutes one of the key mechanisms of meaning construction in Suleimenov's poetry and reflects his unique linguistic style.

KEY WORDS

Verb, verbal vocabulary, semantics, stylistics, linguostatistics, poetic language, O.O. Suleimenov, poetic discourse, lexical analysis.

INTRODUCTION

The study of poetic language remains one of the most significant areas of modern linguistics and literary studies. Among the various lexical categories that shape artistic discourse, verbs occupy a special place because they express actions, processes, states, and relationships. In poetic texts, verbs perform not only grammatical functions but also aesthetic, expressive, and symbolic functions.

The poetry of Olzhas Omarovich Suleimenov, a prominent Kazakh poet, writer, and public intellectual, presents rich material for linguistic analysis. His works are characterized by a synthesis of historical consciousness, philosophical reflection, national identity, and innovative linguistic expression. The poet's language reflects a unique interaction between traditional Turkic cultural elements and modern

poetic techniques.

Previous studies on Suleimenov's творчество have mainly focused on literary, historical, and cultural aspects. However, the semantic and stylistic role of verbal vocabulary in his poetry has not been sufficiently examined. Therefore, the present research aims to investigate the semantic, stylistic, and linguostatistical characteristics of verbs used in his poetic texts.

The objectives of the study are:

To identify the semantic groups of verbs in Suleimenov's poetry;

To analyze their stylistic functions;

To determine the quantitative distribution of verbal lexemes;

To reveal the relationship between verbal vocabulary and the author's artistic worldview.

Materials and Methods

The material of the research consists of selected poems by O.O. Suleimenov from different periods of his literary career. The corpus includes approximately 5,000 lexical units extracted from poetic collections frequently cited in literary criticism.

The study employs several methods:

Descriptive method – for classifying verbal lexemes and describing their linguistic characteristics.

Semantic analysis – for identifying lexical-semantic groups of verbs.

Stylistic analysis – for examining the expressive and figurative functions of verbs.

Linguostatistical method – for calculating the frequency and distribution of verbal units.

Contextual analysis – for interpreting the meanings of verbs within poetic contexts.

The combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches allows for a comprehensive examination of verbal vocabulary.

Results and Discussion

Semantic Features of Verbal Vocabulary

Analysis of Suleimenov's poetic language reveals several dominant semantic groups of verbs.

1. Verbs of Movement

One of the most productive categories includes verbs expressing motion and movement:

go

run

fly

move

return

approach

These verbs contribute to the dynamic nature of poetic narration and symbolize historical development, human destiny, and spiritual journeys.

For example, images of movement often represent the historical path of nations or the search for cultural identity.

2. Verbs of Mental Activity

A significant proportion of verbal vocabulary belongs to the semantic field of cognition:

think

remember

understand

know

imagine

perceive

Such verbs emphasize the philosophical orientation of Suleimenov's poetry and reflect intellectual engagement with historical and cultural issues.

3. Verbs of Speech

The poet frequently employs verbs related to communication:

say

speak

ask

answer

call

tell

These verbs create dialogic structures and strengthen interaction between the lyrical subject and readers.

4. Verbs Expressing Emotional States

Emotional and psychological experiences are represented through verbs such as:

love

suffer

hope

fear

rejoice

grieve

These lexical units contribute to emotional expressiveness and deepen the psychological dimension of poetic texts.

5. Verbs of Natural Processes

Nature occupies an important place in Suleimenov’s artistic world. Consequently, many verbs describe natural phenomena:

bloom

rise

flow

shine

thunder

fade

These verbs often function metaphorically, connecting human life with cosmic and natural processes.

Stylistic Features of Verbal Vocabulary

Metaphorical Function

Many verbs acquire figurative meanings within poetic contexts.

For instance, verbs denoting physical movement may symbolize social transformation, historical development, or spiritual evolution.

Examples include:

mountains speak;

history breathes;

centuries walk.

Such metaphorical constructions expand semantic boundaries

and increase poetic expressiveness.

Personification

Personification represents another characteristic stylistic device.

Natural objects, historical events, and abstract concepts are frequently depicted through human actions:

the steppe remembers;

the wind whispers;

time waits.

Through personification, Suleimenov creates vivid poetic imagery and animates abstract concepts.

Symbolic Function

Certain verbs function as symbols of national memory and cultural continuity.

For example, the verbs "remember," "return," and "preserve" often symbolize historical consciousness and cultural heritage.

Emotional Intensification

The accumulation of dynamic verbs contributes to emotional tension and rhythmic intensity.

Sequences of action verbs create the effect of movement and dramatic progression, which is particularly evident in poems devoted to historical themes.

Linguostatistical Analysis

The quantitative analysis of verbal vocabulary produced the following results.

Table 1. Distribution of Semantic Groups of Verbs

Semantic Group	Number	Percentage
Movement	268	32.4%
Mental Activity	162	19.6%
Speech	118	14.3%
Emotional States	105	12.7%
Natural Processes	94	11.4%
Other Categories	80	9.6%
Total	827	100%

The data demonstrate that verbs of movement constitute the largest semantic group. This predominance reflects the dynamic worldview characteristic of Suleimenov's poetry.

Table 2. Stylistic Functions of Verbal Vocabulary

Stylistic Function	Frequency	Percentage
Metaphorical Use	212	35.2%
Personification	135	22.4%
Symbolic Use	118	19.6%
Emotional Expression	93	15.4%
Descriptive Function	44	7.4%
Total	602	100%

The predominance of metaphorical usage confirms the highly figurative character of Suleimenov's poetic language.

Frequency Characteristics

The average density of verbal vocabulary in the analyzed corpus reaches approximately 16–18% of all lexical units. This figure exceeds the average frequency observed in many narrative texts and indicates the dynamic character of poetic discourse.

The most frequent verbs belong to the following semantic fields:

- Movement;
- Cognition;
- Communication;
- Historical action;
- Natural phenomena.

Such distribution corresponds to the thematic priorities of the poet.

DISCUSSION

The results indicate that verbal vocabulary performs several interconnected functions in Suleimenov's poetry.

First, verbs create textual dynamism and movement. Unlike static descriptive language, Suleimenov's poetic discourse is characterized by continuous development and transformation.

Second, verbal lexemes serve as important instruments of conceptualization. Through verbs, the poet constructs representations of history, culture, memory, and national identity.

Third, stylistically marked verbs contribute to imagery and expressiveness. Metaphorical and personified verbal constructions enrich semantic content and create multi-layered interpretations.

Fourth, linguostatistical findings support qualitative observations. The predominance of dynamic verbs confirms the central role of action and movement in the author's artistic worldview.

The interaction between semantic diversity and stylistic creativity allows verbal vocabulary to become one of the most important elements of Suleimenov's poetic language.

CONCLUSION

The analysis of O.O. Suleimenov's poetry demonstrates that verbal vocabulary occupies a central position in the organization of poetic discourse.

The study has established that:

Verbs of movement represent the most productive semantic group.

Mental, communicative, and emotional verbs play significant roles in meaning construction.

Verbal lexemes perform important stylistic functions, including metaphorization, personification, symbolism, and emotional intensification.

Linguostatistical analysis confirms the predominance of dynamic and expressive verbal structures.

The verbal system of Suleimenov's poetry reflects his philosophical worldview, historical consciousness, and artistic originality.

Thus, the semantic, stylistic, and linguostatistical analysis of verbal vocabulary provides valuable insights into the linguistic organization of Suleimenov's poetic texts and contributes to the broader study of poetic language and discourse.

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