

## EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF ENIGMATIC TEXTS IN NATIONAL CULTURE

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**Abstract:** This article provides information about the educational and social functions of enigmatic texts in English and Uzbek national cultures, which are among the main functions. Also, examples of riddles relevant to both cultures are given and a brief explanation is given.

**Keywords:** enigmatic text, riddle, educational function of the riddle, social function of the riddle, politeness, etiquette, honesty

**Introduction.** Enigmatic texts have played a huge role in human thought, culture and social relations since ancient times. They serve not only as riddles, but also as a factor that helps to understand their functions in education and social life. It is known that cultures differ from each other, and these differences between two cultures can also be analyzed using riddles.

**Literature analysis and methods.** In linguistics, various aspects of enigmatic texts, that is, riddles, have been studied, and at the same time, it is important to study their educational and social functions in English and Uzbek national cultures. The information on this was written using the literature of such scholars as S.S.Yunusov, R.M.Aliyev, O.R.Safarov, A.Q.Goyibov, K.A.Azimova, A.N.Garkavets, N.A.Baskakov, E.N.Tenishev, L.Sh.Arslanov, I.V.Yeutyukhin. Riddles are covered in detail in two cultures through the comparative method

**Results and discussion.** First of all, it is necessary to talk about several of their educational functions. First of all, they make a huge contribution to the development of intelligence, logic and thinking. The listener or reader of the riddle ponders deeply, tries to find the hidden meaning in it, and this helps to develop his logical thinking. In addition, in enigmatic texts, our people have always conveyed concepts such as goodness and evil, truth and falsehood, shame, and anxiety to people not openly, but in a hidden way, and through this, the listener is also given a moral lesson and education. Deep thinking, trying to solve the riddle and the thoughts spent on understanding it help the listener to develop patience and attention. Another of the most important functions is that since ancient times, riddles have been used to test the worldview, level of knowledge and insight of young people. Our Uzbek people also have riddles that promote education:

O‘zi ko‘rinmas,  
Mevasi bilinur.  
Yaxshi bo‘lsa inson,  
Undan taralib turur.  
Javob: tarbiya  
Uyda boshlanar yo‘li,  
Maktabda topar qo‘li.  
Insonni inson qilar,  
Yurakka solar nuri.

Javob: odob  
 Sotib olib bo‘lmaydi,  
 Zo‘rlab berib bo‘lmaydi.  
 Bolalikdan singmasa,  
 Keyin topib bo‘lmaydi.  
 Javob: tarbiya

Such riddles have long been very common among our people, and their solutions have not lost their importance in raising children.

In English culture, upbringing is also expressed more through basic concepts such as politeness, respect, honesty, and self-discipline:

*I open hearts but have no teeth,  
 I build bridges without wood.  
 Rich or poor, young or old,  
 Everyone looks better with me.  
 What am I?*

Answer: politeness

As we all know, English culture is also extensive, and they are used to using expressions such as “please”, “thank you”, and “sorry” during their speech or conversation. In this riddle, politeness is described as an “invisible key”:

*You cannot buy it in a shop,  
 You cannot borrow it from a friend.  
 People notice it before your words,  
 And remember it after you leave.  
 What is it?*

Answer: manners

The English also glorify human decency. This riddle emphasizes that decency is more important than appearance.

The presence of functions in social life shows how important a role enigmatic texts play in linguistics. First of all, they serve to promote social communication and values. The content of enigmatic texts is aimed at regulating relationships between people, preserving cultural and national values, treating them with respect and passing them on to future generations. The function of hiding information has also been historically formed, and it served to maintain the confidentiality of those messages using various ciphers, codes and symbols in order to hide information from strangers. Another main function is that puzzles, riddles and other types of enigmas allow us to understand the cultural codes of a particular nation, people or people. In addition, texts with hidden meanings serve to reveal social illusions, for example, the illusion of an “ideal life” through modern social networks can be analyzed through enigmatic texts. It is clear from this that enigmatic texts are a complex discourse phenomenon that develops communication and, of course, enhances thinking in the development of education and social life.

Conclusion. To sum up, riddles, like other genres of folk oral art, also contribute to the educational and social development of national culture. They mainly deal with issues such as

etiquette, upbringing, behavior, politeness, honesty, and truthfulness, and we can see that they are comparable in both languages and have an equally important role in national culture.

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