



PHYTOMORPHIC METAPHORS AND THEIR TYPES

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Abstract

We have different kinds of metaphors. One of them is metaphor which is used only by plant names. The term phytomorphic means all words denoting plants.

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Introduction

In phytomorphic metaphors we can use names of plants, their features, parts, harvest, products, activities done on plants and all other words denoting something about plants. For ex: root, leaf, fruit, to root out, to blossom, and in Uzbek данак, илдиз, ғунча, мева бермоқ, суғормоқ, гулламоқ, томири билан йўқ қилмоқ and others. As a result of our investigations we found out that phytomorphic metaphors are divided into six groups: 1) forms of plants: plant-қўчат, vegetable-сабзавот, bush-бута, and grass-майса. 2) parts of plants: root-илдиз, trunk-тана, stem-ўзак, branch-шоҳ, bud-қуртак, bark-пўстлоқ. 3) process of life activity: to root-илдиз отмоқ, to wither-қуримоқ, to blossom-гулламоқ, 4) activities done on plants: to plant-экмоқ, to sow-экмоқ, to weed-ўтамоқ, to uproot-илдизи билан қўпормоқ, to water-суғормоқ. 5) names of plants: rose-атиргул, oak-эман, vine-ток, узум, daffodil-нарғис, bluebottle-бўтақўз. 6) fruits and their qualities: apple-олма, bean-ловия, pumpkin-ошқовоқ, гiре-пишган, green-яшил.

Main part

According to the usage field of phytomorphic metaphors we divide them into three main groups:

- I. Metaphors denoting people and their life activities;
- II. Metaphors denoting imaginations about objects, animals, plants and dead nature;
- III. Metaphors denoting form, quality, quantity and other features of objects;

Phytomorphic metaphors in the first group denote almost all notions about people and their life. We may divide them into seven subgroups:

- 1). To this group we add metaphors denoting people's appearance, form, health, physical feelings: peanut-кичик жуссали инсон, a cauliflower ear – шалпанг қулоқ, гiре-қари инсон, almond eye-бодом кўз, in Uzbek we have more examples қадди шамшод, бодом қовоқ, лаблари гилос, юзи гул.
- 2). To this group we add metaphors denoting conscious activity and imagination about subjects. For example the word **ахмоқ** in the Uzbek language is expressed by the following nouns in English: **pumpkin-head, cabbage-head, banana-head, melon, and prune**. We use **ошқовоқ, думбул, қовун** in Uzbek as you know. The existence of ideas is also expressed as of plants: **the idea has been nipped in the bud by the local council; the idea had taken firm root in his brain.**



3). To this group we add metaphors denoting inner feelings and sensitive sorrow of people. To conceptualize feelings phytomorphic metaphors play the main role: for ex: The tender leaves of hopes tomorrow **blossom**. Love had **bloomed**, love had **blossomed**, and love had **died**. Муҳаббат **ғунчалади**, муҳаббат **гуллади**, муҳаббат **сўлди**.

4). To this group we add metaphors denoting imaginations about characters and moral qualities of people and objects. **daisy**-ажойиб инсон, яхши одам, **tulip**-таассурот қолдрувчи инсон, **lemon**-бошқаларга ёқмайдиган инсон, **nut**-характери оғир инсон, **mushroom**- ғаразли, разил инсон, The only **flower** on earth is virtue (эзгулик).

5). Metaphors in this group mean the place of people in the society, their attitude to each other and other social events. For ex: Their happy relationship **flourished** for forty years; **to cultivate** new friendship; **to root out** corruption; The people who are not important in the society are described as **small potatoes**, **peanut**. And important people in the society are described as **top banana** and **pumpkin**. Useless people are often referred as **weed** (бегона ўт).

6). Another group of phytomorphic metaphors are words denoting people's physical and creative activity and its results. They also mean the names of professions. For ex: This observation was **to bear fruit** in later years; **fruitless** interview (самарасиз интервью), The **fruit** of our labor (меҳнатимиз меваси), **water lily** - ўт ўчирувчи, **seaweed** – денгизчи савдогар, **blue bottle**-полициячи, **snowdrop**-ҳарбий.

7) The last group of words mean objects made by people. For ex: **onion** – гумбаз, **walnut-shell** – қайиқ, **lemon** – портлатувчи қурол and **pod** – балиқ тутиш учун саватча.

Metaphors in the second group denote objects, animals, plants and dead nature. We may divide them into four subgroups:

1). To name animal anatomy, for example: **bud**-шоҳ, **berry**-оққуш тумшугидаги майда доначалар, **melon**-молюскалар қобиғи etc.

2). To express some illnesses of animals. For ex. **Fig**-от туёғидаги ўсимта, **grape**-от, эшак каби ҳайвонлар оёғидаги касалик.

3). To name some simple animals. For ex. **Olive**, **cactus**, **sea nettle**, **sea lily** mean different sea animals

4). To name everything as much as possible. For ex. **Knag** (бутоқ) means rock, **bloom** (гул) means a newly minted coin.

Metaphors in the third group denote form, quality, quantity and other features of objects. For ex. To say something much we use **mushroom** or **crop** (crop of films), to say something little we use **grain** or **bean**.

Root and **seed** mean the origin of something (келиб чиқиши, илдизи)
Cherry stone, **straw**, **husk** mean something of little value.
Plum means a good thing, something excellent.

In our future investigations we are going to learn more types of phytomorphic metaphors according to different usage of fields.



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