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Abstract: Stylistic devices, including metaphor and simile play a vital role in making speech expressive, emotional and understandable. With the help of these, people convey their ideas clearly and imaginative. The findings indicate that metaphors are commonly used before and modern English rather than simile. This article analyzed the differences and usage of two devices.

Key words: metaphor, simile, communication, comparison.

Аннотация: Стилистические средства, в частности метафора и сравнение, играют важную роль в придании речи выразительности, эмоциональности и ясности. С помощью этих средств люди могут точно, образно и привлекательно передавать свои мысли. Исследования показывают, что как в историческом, так и в современном английском языке метафора используется чаще, чем сравнение. В данной статье анализируются особенности метафоры и сравнения, их отличительные черты и функционирование в речи.

Ключевые слова: метафора, сравнение, коммуникация, сопоставление.

Introduction

Metaphor is a type of stylistic devices, which compare two unlike things. They play a crucial role and used commonly in poetry, literature and especially, in everyday communication. Metaphors help deliver the abstract concepts, emotions and complex ideas through vivid and imaginative language. Simile is also like metaphor, however it requires like, as, resembles and such kind of words or phrases. In addition, metaphor make implicit comparisons, while simile is explicit comparison. Despite the differences, both of them make the speech or text more natural, expressive and emotional at the same time. Besides concepts in terms of stylistic devices, metaphors and similes are device for thinking. They can put a view in the society's mind where non available before – and they can reshape and update our shared mental images of social issues or so on.

This study explores how metaphors and similes are used in everyday life, while also considering the role of them. It concludes that this research focused on the frequency of using two stylistic devices and how they reshape the people's opinion.

Literature Review

According to **Smith**, metaphors are the legs of the language, they can help to develop the ideas and without the metaphor, the language may slow. It is clear that metaphors contribute to improvement of the ideas and language in all levels of environment.

In the point of **Aristotel**'s view, metaphor using the name of one object to another belonging one. This description is closer rather than others, since when people use metaphors, they compare one aspect of the object to another.

According to **Hawkes**, the concept of metaphor is come from Greek language "Metaphor", which was derived from mate meaning "over", Pherrin means that to carry. In the point of him, metaphor is set of the linguistic process that consist of carrying over of one subject to another.

From the perspective of scholar **V.A.Maslova**, similes are fundamental cultural units that reflect a nation's worldview, linking cognitive, psychological aspects.

Methodology

As it is mentioned before, metaphor is widespread type of the stylistic devices, which are used in everyday life and communication, especially in English language. The following are some illustrative examples of metaphors that commonly used with their explanation.

Metaphors	Explanation
She is a night owl	Somebody who is night person
She is a busy bee	Somebody who is hard working
She is an angel	Somebody who is kind or good
Laughter is the best medicine	Person who laughs a lot, avoid illness
His temper was a volcano	Person who is anger

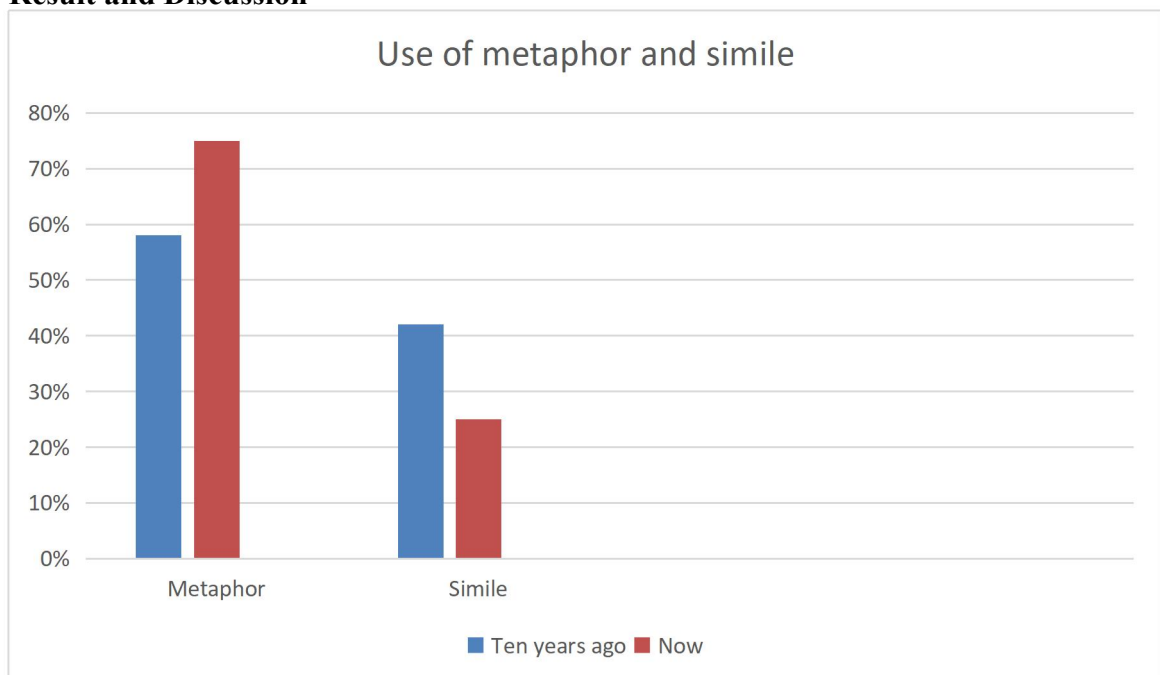
Examples which are mentioned above indicate that, each metaphor has its own, unique sights. And they help to make speech or text expressive, emotional and enrich the vocabulary of the language.

When it comes to similes, they usually describe two unlike objects with the help of like, as, resemble and other words and phrases. They can be used to create vivid imagery. Examples for similes:

- **As fresh as a daisy** – as everyone knows, daisy is a symbol of freshness. It is mostly used for expressing people's attitude or behavior.
- She swims **like a fish** in the sea – it expresses how someone swims beautifully.
- She danced **like nobody was watching** – it is used in a particular situation that somebody dance freely and confidently, without worrying about others opinion.
- He ran **like had a hundred cheetahs chasing him** – it symbolizes that somebody ran fast
- **As alike as two peas in a pod** – it expresses identical or nearly so.

It is clear from these examples; it can be concluded that similes help writers express emotions and ideas more effectively and creatively.

Result and Discussion



The bar chart illustrates the rate of similes and metaphor in terms of their uses over the past decade. Statistics demonstrate that, metaphor has maintained its dominance over the given period.

According to bar chart, the use of metaphors has experienced an upward trend from 58 % to 75%, representing the highest rate, while the figure for similes witnessed a downward trend over

the given years. The use of similes made up 42% initially, however the percentage began to decrease swiftly to 25% in recent years.

The findings indicate that symbolic expression in everyday English has developed significantly over the past ten years. Greater reliance on metaphors may be result in digital interaction, social media and modern journalistic, since figurative expressions help to convey ideas with creative and concisely way.

On the other hand, similes are usually clear and descriptive that may explain their relatively stable or lower in changing frequency. As it is mentioned before, similes were commonly used at 42%, because it allows speakers to deliver their ideas in a direct and easily understandable way. However, the figure makes up 25% nowadays, because of being less adaptable to fast-paced, informal communication. It demonstrates that most speakers prefer indirect and implicit forms of expressions in daily communication.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the role of stylistic devices especially, metaphor and simile are crucial in making the comparison expressive, natural and emotional. They help people deliver their ideas, emotions and experiences in a clear and appropriate way. This study focuses on differences between metaphor and simile and their usage in two different periods. The findings demonstrate that, metaphor is commonly used during the given years rather than simile. Overall, the study illustrates that the significance of understanding figurative language is necessary for effective interaction in daily life.

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