



TOPONYMIC COMPOUND NOUNS

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Annotation. *One of the important issues covered by toponymy, that is, the study of place names, is the analysis of the formation of toponymic compound nouns, their lexical and grammatical forms, and their specific features in the language system. Toponymic compound nouns, by their content and essence, allow for a clear and expressive expression of place names, and also reflect the historical, cultural and geographical thinking of the people. These nouns have a complex lexical and grammatical structure and arise on the basis of the axiomatic principle, that is, as a result of the combination of several independent words. Toponymic compound nouns are widely used in the creation of place names, in which a new meaning, a new designation is formed mainly by combining two or more words.*

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INTRODUCTION

In the lexical structure of toponymic compound nouns, names denoting geographical objects and their related determiners frequently occur. Such compound nouns are syntactically formed through the direct and firm combination of two or more word-components, and they also exhibit certain phonetic peculiarities. In studying toponymic compound nouns, their structural features, semantic organization, and conformity to linguistic norms are of significant importance. In their analysis, it is especially crucial to consider that grammatical units are not simply combined as word groups, but rather form a cohesive whole within the noun structure. In this process, the principles of word combination, the semantic relationships between the components, and their phonetic basis serve as the main criteria.

LITERATURE REVIEW AND METHODOLOGY

The lexical composition of toponymic compound nouns reflects the richness of the field of toponymy in our language. They are formed through etymological affixes, grammatical transformations, and the renewal of the lexical layer. Moreover, toponymic compound nouns serve as a means of expressing geographical objects, the development of the language, the worldview of the people, and the names of notable locations. In this process, primary attention is given to creating new place names based on a unified system, standardizing them, and aligning them with linguistic norms.



Toponymic compound nouns vividly express the unique development of the language, national traditions, and cultural values, as they represent the spiritual wealth, historical memory, and cultural heritage of the people. In studying such nouns, the adaptation of words and concepts, their combinatorial potential, and the emergence of new semantic relations are examined. Toponymic compound nouns are produced through lexical-semantic word-formation methods, indicating their rich grammatical capacity. Their morphological structure, pronunciation norms, and compliance with orthographic standards also receive special attention.

The study of toponymic compound nouns in linguistics is crucial for creating new names, regulating existing ones, and designating territorial and geographical units. Adhering to orthographic norms of the language and representing these names accurately in written and spoken forms is one of the essential tasks [1].

DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

Many linguists have conducted research on toponymic compound nouns and have presented scientific conclusions regarding their grammatical and semantic essence. Proper formation and usage of such nouns contribute to the clear and accurate interpretation of place names and help systematize them from both scientific and practical perspectives. The place names expressed through toponymic compound nouns represent specific geographical objects in every language and serve as a significant source for understanding historical and developmental processes.

Toponymic compound nouns are widely used among the people, remain active in speech, and play an important role in the emergence of new nominations [2]. Place names hold great significance in the history, geography, and culture of a people. In their formation, each word retains its place within the structure and functions consistently in both spoken and written language. Studying toponymic compound nouns provides an effective means of revealing their form, meaning, historical origin, and transformations within the people's language. This, in turn, reflects linguistic richness, historical developments, and the intellectual progress of the people.

Through toponymic compound nouns, new meanings and semantic layers arise in the language, new place names are created, and they occupy an important position in the life, history, and culture of the people [3]. Today, the study, systematization, standardization, and integration of toponymic compound nouns into official documents hold significant importance from the perspective of national identification. Their historical, geographical, and social relevance, their role in



linking the past and the present, and their spread among society also make them highly significant.

A thorough study of toponymic compound nouns allows us to observe word-formation processes, the evolution of language norms, and the development of the lexicon. Such processes enrich vocabulary, give rise to new semantic layers, and contribute to language development. Toponymic compound nouns are a valuable source reflecting people's lifestyle, mentality, and historical development. For this reason, they are researched not only from a linguistic perspective but also from cultural and social viewpoints. Each newly emerging toponymic compound noun attracts considerable interest for linguistics, as it represents an integral part of linguistic growth and enrichment. The historical and social factors, geographical environment, and cultural values associated with these nouns make their study even more significant [4].

Although many documents and programs have been developed in recent years to create and standardize new toponymic compound nouns, the issue remains relevant. For modern linguistics, studying such nouns in accordance with contemporary requirements, analyzing their place in the language system, and correctly assessing their significance remain essential tasks. Research conducted in the field of place names shows that toponymic compound nouns are widely spread among the people and play a key role in language development [5].

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, toponymic compound nouns play an important role in expanding the vocabulary of the mother tongue, developing linguistic semantics and lexicography, and improving the overall linguistic system. Through these nouns, the historical-cultural heritage, geographical knowledge, and cultural values of the people are displayed. Their study contributes to the advancement of linguistics and toponymy, ensuring the continuous development of the language. Therefore, toponymic compound nouns hold scientific, cultural, and social importance in every language, especially in Uzbek, and their continuous study and analysis remain a necessity of the present time.

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