DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE IMPERSONAL SENTENCES IN ENGLISH

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Abstract: This study provides a comparative linguistic analysis of impersonal sentence structures focusing on their formation, usage, and extension. Impersonal sentences, which lack a specific grammatical subject, serve unique functions in conveying general truths, atmospheric conditions, and existential statements across different languages. Despite their prevalence, the construction and use of impersonal sentences can vary significantly between languages due to differences in grammatical rules, syntactic structures, and cultural contexts.

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By analyzing a corpus of written and spoken texts, the study identifies the primary forms and functions of impersonal sentences in each language, including variations in verb conjugation, pronoun usage, and sentence extension mechanisms. The findings reveal key differences in how impersonal structures are extended and particularly in terms of morphological markers and syntactic positioning. Furthermore, the study explores the implications of these differences for language learners and translators, emphasizing the importance of understanding the specific rules and conventions governing impersonal constructions in each language. The results contribute to a deeper understanding of cross-linguistic similarities and differences in sentence structure and provide practical insights for linguists, language educators, and translators. By highlighting the nuanced ways in which impersonal sentences function in these languages, this research underscores the complexity of language structure and the importance of context in linguistic analysis.

Impersonal sentence structures, which eschew a specific grammatical subject, are a significant yet often underexplored aspect of linguistic analysis. These constructions are pivotal in expressing general truths, atmospheric conditions, and existential states, and their usage can vary markedly across different languages. Understanding how impersonal sentences are structured and used in these languages offers insights into their grammatical and semantic systems, as well as their broader linguistic and cultural contexts. Impersonal sentences frequently rely on verb forms and suffixes to denote a lack of a specific subject, reflecting the language's agglutinative nature. French, however, employs different mechanisms, such as the use of passive constructions and the pronoun "on," to create impersonal statements. These differences highlight how impersonal sentences are adapted to fit the syntactic and morphological rules of each language. This aticle employs a contrastive analysis approach, examining written and spoken corpora from both languages to uncover patterns and variations in impersonal sentence structures. By comparing these structures, the study aims to elucidate how each language handles the expression of general and non-specific actions or states. Additionally, the analysis will address the implications of these structural differences for language learners and translators, offering practical insights into the complexities of translating impersonal constructions. Overall, this study seeks to enhance our understanding of impersonal sentence structures by exploring their

formation, usage, and extension. The findings will contribute to the broader field of cross-linguistic syntax and semantics, providing valuable information for linguists, educators, and translators engaged in language comparison and translation work.

METHOD. The research is structured in several phases, encompassing data collection, data analysis, and interpretation of findings. By employing a mixed methods approach, which provide a comprehensive understanding of how impersonal sentences function and are extended in these two languages. The first phase of the study involved the collection of a diverse corpus of written and spoken texts. These texts were sourced from various genres, including literary works, academic writings, news articles, and conversational transcripts, to ensure a broad representation of language use. The inclusion of different genres and registers aimed to capture the full spectrum of impersonal sentence usage in each language, encompassing both formal and informal contexts. The corpus was then systematically analyzed to identify and extract sentences that exemplify impersonal constructions, such as those lacking a specific grammatical subject or those using pronouns like "it" in English equivalents or "on" in French. The second phase involved a detailed syntactic and semantic analysis of the extracted impersonal sentences. This process was conducted in two stages: syntactic analysis and semantic analysis. The syntactic analysis focused on identifying the structural patterns used to form impersonal sentences in both languages. This included examining the use of verb conjugations, pronouns, passive constructions, and morphological markers that signal impersonal usage. The analysis was facilitated by linguistic software tools capable of parsing complex syntactic structures and identifying relevant features of impersonal sentences. The semantic analysis focused on understanding the meanings and functions of impersonal sentences in both languages. This involved categorizing sentences based on their usage contexts, such as expressing general truths, describing weather conditions, or conveying hypothetical situations. The aim was to determine how each language uses impersonal constructions to fulfill various communicative functions and how these functions are influenced by cultural and contextual factors. The third phase of the methodology involved a cross-linguistic comparison of the findings from the syntactic and semantic analyses. To achieve this, the study employed a contrastive analysis framework, which systematically compared the linguistic features of impersonal sentences in each language. Particular attention was given to how these constructions are extended or modified across different contexts, such as formal versus informal settings or written versus spoken discourse. To ensure the reliability and validity of the findings, the study employed several measures. First, a pilot analysis was conducted on a subset of the corpus to refine the criteria for identifying and categorizing impersonal sentences. Second, inter-rater reliability checks were performed by having multiple linguists independently analyze a portion of the data, with discrepancies resolved through discussion and consensus. Third, member checking was used in the qualitative phase, where interpretations of the data were reviewed by native speakers and language experts to ensure accuracy and cultural relevance. For translators, these structural differences pose challenges in maintaining the intended meaning and tone when converting texts between Azerbaijani and French. Awareness of these linguistic nuances is crucial for accurate translation and effective communication across languages. All data used in the study were sourced from publicly available materials or obtained with appropriate permissions when necessary. The study adhered to ethical guidelines for research, ensuring that all data were anonymized where applicable and that participants in recorded conversations were informed of the research purposes and consented to the use of their data. By integrating both qualitative and

quantitative approaches, the study offers a nuanced understanding of the syntactic and semantic characteristics of impersonal constructions in these languages and contributes valuable insights to the field of comparative linguistics.

RESULTS. Impersonal sentences are often formed using specific verb forms and particles that do not require an explicit subject. These constructions typically rely on suffixes attached to verbs to convey an impersonal meaning, reflecting the agglutinative nature of the language. In contrast, French employs a variety of syntactic strategies to create impersonal sentences, including the use of the pronoun "on" (translated as "one" or "we"), passive constructions, and the expletive "il" (equivalent to "it" in English). The analysis of the French corpus revealed that the pronoun "on" is frequently used to convey impersonal or indefinite subjects in both spoken and written contexts, allowing speakers to generalize statements without specifying an agent. For example, in sentences like "On dit que..." ("It is said that..."), the use of "on" creates an impersonal tone. Additionally, French passive constructions, such as "Il est décidé" ("It has been decided"), were prevalent in formal texts, reflecting the language's inflectional nature and flexibility in manipulating sentence structures to achieve an impersonal effect. This difference underscores the influence of each language's grammatical framework on the construction of impersonal sentences.

DISCUSSION. In language, the heavy reliance on verb morphology and suffixation to indicate impersonality aligns with its agglutinative nature, allowing speakers to create nuanced meanings through the addition of affixes. This morphological flexibility provides a straightforward way to convey impersonal statements, particularly in everyday spoken language where simplicity and directness are often prioritized. The frequent use of the pronoun "on" and passive constructions to create impersonal meanings reflects a preference for syntactic manipulation over morphological change. The versatility of the pronoun "on" in French also indicates a cultural inclination towards a more collective or generalized mode of expression, which can vary between informal spoken contexts and more formal written ones. The study also underscores the importance of context in the use and interpretation of impersonal sentences. This could be due to the language's structure, which allows for fluid communication without necessarily specifying an agent, reflecting a cultural nuance in communication style that favors indirectness or generalization when discussing everyday events. These insights enhance our comprehension of cross-linguistic syntax and semantics and underscore the value of comparative studies in revealing the diverse strategies languages use to encode meaning. Future research could explore additional languages and contexts to further investigate how impersonal sentence structures are shaped by cultural and linguistic factors, providing a broader perspective on this linguistic phenomenon.

CONCLUSION. The findings reveal that while both languages use impersonal constructions to express general truths, atmospheric conditions, and other non-specific states or actions, they do so through distinct linguistic strategies shaped by their grammatical frameworks. The study also underscores the significant role of cultural and communicative context in shaping the use of impersonal sentences. These differences not only highlight the diversity of impersonal sentence structures across languages but also emphasize the importance of context and usage in understanding their function and meaning. Understanding the structural and functional nuances of these constructions can enhance linguistic competence and improve cross-cultural communication.

Additionally, this research contributes to the broader field of comparative linguistics by illustrating how different languages can achieve similar communicative goals through varied grammatical means, enriching our understanding of language diversity and syntactic variation. In conclusion, this study highlights the intricate relationship between language structure, cultural context, and communicative function in the use of impersonal sentences.

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