

COMPONENTS OF TEXT EMOTIVENESS: A LINGUISTIC PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract: Text emotiveness refers to the expressive qualities of language that evoke or convey emotional states. This paper explores the key components that contribute to emotiveness in written texts from a linguistic perspective. These components include lexical choices, evaluative language, expressive syntax and punctuation, figurative language, emotive particles and modality, contextual and pragmatic cues, and prosodic features in written form. Understanding these elements enhances our comprehension of how texts influence readers emotionally, which has applications in linguistics, literary analysis, psychology, and computational language processing (Jakobson, 1960; Wierzbicka, 1999).

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Emotiveness in text is a multidimensional phenomenon that plays a crucial role in communication. It contributes not only to the tone and style of the text but also to the psychological impact it has on the reader. In linguistics and stylistics, analyzing emotiveness helps identify how language expresses feelings, attitudes, and subjective experiences (Halliday, 1978; Crystal & Davy, 1969).

The most direct contributors to text emotiveness are emotion-laden words. These include adjectives, verbs, and nouns that carry explicit emotional content (e.g., "happy," "rage," "grief"). Emotion-label words denote specific emotional states, while emotion-evoking words elicit emotional associations indirectly (Plutchik, 1980). Cultural and linguistic context affects the intensity and interpretation of these terms (Wierzbicka, 1992).

Evaluative language refers to the subjective assessment or judgment expressed in a text. This includes adjectives (e.g., "wonderful," "terrible"), adverbs ("horribly," "beautifully"), and comparative structures ("better," "worse"). These elements not only communicate an evaluation but also shape the emotional stance of the author (Hunston & Thompson, 2000).

Syntactic structures and punctuation marks can significantly enhance emotiveness. Exclamatory sentences, rhetorical questions, abrupt sentence fragments, ellipses, and repetition are tools for simulating emotional rhythm and intensity. These techniques mimic the prosody of spoken language and enhance emotional resonance in writing (Tannen, 1989).

Figurative expressions such as metaphors, similes, hyperbole, and personification enrich the emotional depth of a text. By linking abstract emotions to concrete images, these devices help readers visualize and internalize feelings. For example, the metaphor "a heart of stone" conveys

emotional coldness vividly (Lakoff & Johnson, 1980).

Many languages, especially agglutinative and inflected ones, use grammatical particles and modal expressions to convey emotion. Particles like "ku" or "da" in Uzbek, or "же" and "ли" in Russian, add emphasis, irony, doubt, or insistence. Modal verbs ("must," "should") and interjections ("alas," "wow") similarly convey attitudinal stance (Blakemore, 2002; Biber et al., 1999).

Emotional meaning is also shaped by context. Pragmatic factors—such as speaker intent, cultural norms, and the reader's background—can influence how emotive language is interpreted. Irony, sarcasm, politeness strategies, and indirect speech all rely heavily on shared context for emotional interpretation (Brown & Levinson, 1987; Mey, 2001).

Although prosody is a feature of spoken language, writers often simulate it through visual markers—such as capitalization, italics, dashes, and line breaks. These features help convey the pacing, emphasis, and rhythm of emotionally expressive speech in text (Crystal, 2003).

Text emotiveness arises from a complex interplay of linguistic elements. Understanding its components allows researchers, writers, and developers of language technologies to better analyze and produce emotionally resonant texts. Further research, especially in underexplored languages like Uzbek, can deepen our understanding of cross-linguistic emotive strategies and their applications in both human and machine communication.

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