

## THE USE OF NUMBERS IN PROVERBS IN ENGLISH AND KARAKALPAK LANGUAGES

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**Abstract.** Numbers play a significant role in language and culture, often appearing in proverbs to convey wisdom, beliefs, and values. This use of numbers in proverbs is found across various languages, including English and Karakalpak. The article presents the use of numbers in proverbs in these two languages, highlighting their cultural significance and providing examples to illustrate their impact on language and communication. By examining how numbers are integrated into proverbs in English and Karakalpak, we can gain insight into the unique ways in which different cultures express common themes and ideas through the use of numerical language.

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In English proverbs, numbers are frequently used to emphasize a point, convey a specific meaning, or provide a sense of order or structure. Numbers in English proverbs can symbolize various concepts such as quantity, time, importance, and sequence [2]. They often serve to enhance the clarity and impact of the message being conveyed.

Some common ways in which numbers are used in English proverbs include:

1. Emphasizing importance or significance: Proverbs like "One man's trash is another man's treasure" highlight the subjective nature of value and importance.
2. Expressing quantity or abundance: Proverbs such as "Too many cooks spoil the broth" illustrate the idea that an excess of something can be detrimental.
3. Conveying order or sequence: Proverbs like "First come, first served" emphasize the principle of fairness based on the order of arrival.
4. Providing guidance or wisdom: Proverbs such as "Two heads are better than one" suggest the benefits of collaboration and teamwork [5].

As it can be seen, numbers in English proverbs serve as powerful tools for conveying timeless wisdom, moral lessons, and cultural values in a concise and memorable way. They add depth and richness to the language, allowing for nuanced expressions of complex ideas through simple numerical symbolism.

Karakalpak proverbs, like those in many other cultures, also incorporate numbers to convey specific meanings, emphasize points, and provide structure to the wisdom being shared. In Karakalpak proverbs, numbers are used in a variety of ways to enhance the clarity and impact of the message. Here is an overview of the use of numbers in Karakalpak proverbs:

1. Quantifying concepts: Numbers are often used in Karakalpak proverbs to quantify abstract concepts or qualities. For example, "Bir adam hámme ushın, hámme bir adam ushın" emphasizes the idea that shared experiences can create strong bonds.
2. Expressing abundance or scarcity: Karakalpak proverbs use numbers to illustrate the concepts of abundance or scarcity. For instance, "Kóp sòz eshekke jùk" highlights the power of words and communication.

3. Providing guidance or wisdom: Just like in English proverbs, numbers in Karakalpak proverbs are used to provide guidance and wisdom. For example, "Kòplegen qonaq atqaradi" presents the importance of resource management and teamwork [3].

It is clear that numbers play a significant role in Karakalpak proverbs by adding depth, structure, and emphasis to the messages being conveyed. They help make the proverbs more memorable and impactful, allowing for the preservation and transmission of cultural values and wisdom through concise numerical symbolism.

**Conclusion.** In conclusion, numbers play a significant role in Karakalpak proverbs, as well as in proverbs from various cultures around the world. They are used to symbolize concepts, convey hidden meanings, reflect cultural traditions, provide structure and emphasis, and connect wisdom to historical and social contexts. By understanding the cultural significance of numbers in proverbs, we can appreciate the depth and richness of oral traditions and gain insight into the values, beliefs, and traditions of different cultures. Numbers in proverbs serve as a powerful tool for conveying moral lessons, guidance, and wisdom that resonate with people across generations and societies.

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