

**ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT ARISE FROM THE INCORRECT USE  
OF PARONYMS IN SPEECH IS THAT**

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**Abstract:**

This article analyzes misunderstandings and errors that arise as a result of the incorrect use of paronyms in speech. Paronyms are words that are phonetically similar, but differ in meaning, and their mistaken use can lead to logical ambiguity and communicative difficulties. The article discusses the causes, consequences of such errors, and methods for preventing them. It also gives recommendations on the correct use of paronyms based on various text and speech examples.

**Keywords:**

paronyms, speech error, linguistic misunderstanding, lexical meaning, communicative difficulty, speech culture, context, synonymy, antonymy, lexical-semantic analysis.

**Introduction**

Language is the main tool of human thinking and communication, and its correct and precise use is an important condition for effective communication. However, sometimes the incorrect use of paronyms in speech causes various misunderstandings and logical errors. Paronyms are words that are phonetically similar to each other, but differ in meaning, and their confusion can lead to distortion of the content of the text or speech.

This article analyzes linguistic problems that arise due to the incorrect use of paronyms. At the same time, in order to minimize such errors, scientific-linguistic approaches, practical recommendations and real speech examples are presented. The unclear use of paronyms can lead not only to a decrease in speech culture, but also to communicative obstacles in the process of information exchange. Therefore, this topic is of urgent importance from the point of view of linguistics and applied linguistics.

**The essence of paronyms and their linguistic properties**

Paronyms are words that are similar in pronunciation or spelling, but different in meaning, and their correct use serves to make speech clear and fluent. Paronymic pairs often consist of lexical units that are semantically close to each other, but are used in different contexts. For example, the words "effect"





and "affect", "monument" and "memoir", "democracy" and "demagogu" may seem similar, but each has a separate meaning.

The main properties of paronyms are as follows:

Phonetic similarity - similarity in sound composition.

Difference in meaning - semantic difference.

Context of use - each word has its own meaning, and if used incorrectly, the meaning can be distorted.

Problems caused by the incorrect use of paronyms in speech

The incorrect use of paronyms often causes the following problems:

1. Speech and written misunderstandings

The incorrect use of paronyms leads to incorrect perception of information.

For example:

"The procedure for obtaining a patent for individuals has been simplified."  
(correct)

"The procedure for obtaining a patent for individuals has been simplified."  
(incorrect)

Here the words "simplify" (simplify) and "simplify" (make as primitive as possible) are confused.

2. Logical and semantic errors

The unclear use of paronyms leads to distortion of thought. For example:

"An examination has been appointed on this issue." (correct)

"An expert opinion has been appointed on this issue." (incorrect)

Here, "expertise" (the process of verification by experts) and "expertise" (the quality inherent in an expert) are distinguished.

3. Confusion in official documents and scientific texts

Incorrect use of paronyms in official documents can lead to distortion of the content of the document and legal ambiguities. For example:

"Guarantees are provided by the state to business entities." (correct)

"Guarantees are provided by the state to business entities." (incorrect)

Here, "guarantee" (assurance) and "guarantee" (providing property) are distinguished.

Methods for preventing the misuse of paronyms

The following approaches are proposed to prevent the misuse of paronyms:

Increase linguistic literacy - to ensure the correct use of paronyms, it is important to study them and practice their use in different contexts.

Contextual analysis - determining in which case each paronym is used.





Using explanatory and paronymic dictionaries - knowing the exact meanings of words through the use of dictionaries.

Developing speech culture and stylistic thinking - to reduce the incorrect use of paronyms, it is necessary to pay attention to stylistics and speech culture.

Recommendations for the correct use of paronyms

The following recommendations are given for the correct use of paronyms:

A thorough study of each paronym based on dictionaries.

Use paronyms carefully in academic and official texts.

Checking the correct use of paronyms before using them in spoken or written texts.

Performing special exercises on paronyms and reinforcing them with examples.

#### **Conclusion**

Incorrect use of paronyms in speech can cause various linguistic and communicative problems. These errors not only cause misunderstandings in official, scientific and everyday speech, but also lead to misinterpretation of information. This article analyzes the linguistic essence of paronyms, the problems that arise from their incorrect use, and methods for preventing them. Correctly used paronyms serve the development of speech culture and help to communicate clearly and fluently in expressing ideas.

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