



## Social Functions of the Uzbek Language in Modern Society.

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The Uzbek language plays a significant role in the formation and development of modern society in Uzbekistan. It is not only a means of communication, but also a symbol of national identity, sociocultural unity and integration. In this article we will consider the social functions of the Uzbek language in modern society and its influence on various aspects of the country's life. Language is an integral part of the cultural heritage of Uzbekistan. It is closely connected with the history, traditions and values of the Uzbek people. The preservation and development of the Uzbek language contributes to the preservation of the country's unique culture and strengthening of national identity.

The Uzbek language plays several important social functions in modern society, particularly in Uzbekistan and among Uzbek diaspora communities. These functions include:

**National Identity:** Uzbek is the official language of Uzbekistan, and it serves as a significant marker of national identity. The language is deeply connected to the cultural heritage and history of Uzbek people. Its use in various spheres of life reinforces a sense of belonging and pride among Uzbek speakers.

**Communication:** Uzbek serves as the primary means of communication for the majority of Uzbekistan's population. It is used in everyday interactions, business transactions, education, media, and government affairs. Proficiency in Uzbek is essential for effective communication within the country.

**Preservation of Culture:** The Uzbek language carries with it a rich cultural heritage, including literature, poetry, folk tales, and historical documents. Its continued use and promotion contribute to the preservation and transmission of Uzbek cultural values, traditions, and customs across generations.

**Education:** Uzbek is the medium of instruction in schools and universities across Uzbekistan. It plays a crucial role in the education system, facilitating learning and knowledge dissemination in various subjects ranging from mathematics and science to literature and history.

**Official Documentation:** Uzbek is used in official documents, government publications, legal proceedings, and administrative tasks. It ensures clarity, consistency, and understanding in official communication within the country.

**Media and Entertainment:** Uzbek language media, including newspapers, television, radio, and online platforms, cater to the linguistic needs of the population. It provides news, entertainment, and information in Uzbek, reflecting and shaping public discourse and cultural trends.

**Social Cohesion:** The use of Uzbek fosters social cohesion and solidarity among speakers, as language serves as a common bond that unites individuals within communities. It enables people to express their thoughts, emotions, and experiences, strengthening interpersonal relationships and social networks.

**Integration of Minorities:** While Uzbek is the dominant language, Uzbekistan is also home to various ethnic minority groups with their own languages and dialects. Efforts are made to ensure these communities can preserve their languages and cultures while also integrating into broader Uzbek society.

**Economic Development:** Proficiency in Uzbek is often essential for economic participation and advancement within Uzbekistan. It enables individuals to access employment opportunities, conduct business transactions, and engage in entrepreneurship within the local market.

Overall, the Uzbek language serves as a vital tool for communication, identity expression, cultural preservation, and social cohesion in modern Uzbek society. Its multifaceted role underscores its significance as a cornerstone of national identity and societal development. The Uzbek language is the official language of education and science in Uzbekistan. Education in the native language contributes to the effective acquisition of knowledge, the development of critical thinking and the preservation of cultural and historical heritage. The use of the Uzbek language in the educational process also helps to support and disseminate the scientific and cultural achievements of the people. Language serves as a means of communication and social integration for various ethnic groups in Uzbekistan. It contributes to the formation of national unity and strengthening interethnic relations. Thanks to the Uzbek language, people of different ethnic groups can communicate freely, understand each other and jointly build the future of their country.

Knowledge of the Uzbek language is an important factor in the economic sphere. In the context of the development of international business and trade, the Uzbek language helps improve business relations, facilitates doing business and increases the country's competitiveness in the world market.

The Uzbek language is a key vehicle for Uzbekistan's international interaction with other countries, especially in Central Asia. Knowledge of the native language helps to strengthen diplomatic relations, cultural exchange and cooperation in various fields. The Uzbek language plays an important role in expanding the country's international influence and establishing partnerships on the world stage.

**Table 1. Traditional and modern aspects of the influence of language on social life**

Traditional elements of the influence of language on social development	Modern aspects
<b>Transmission of oral traditions, myths and tales</b>	Preservation and transmission of cultural heritage through literature, art and media.
<b>Teaching children the Uzbek language in the family and in the mosque</b>	Uzbek language as the main language of instruction in schools, universities and other educational institutions.
<b>Use of the Uzbek language in trade and crafts</b>	Uzbek language in business, trade and services, including online commerce and international business contacts.
<b>Maintaining community and mutual assistance in rural life</b>	Social integration and formation of national unity through the Uzbek language in cities and rural areas.
<b>Application of the Uzbek language in ritual practice</b>	Uzbek language as a means of communication in family and public ceremonies, including weddings and holidays.

The Uzbek language plays an important social role in the modern society of Uzbekistan, and its importance extends to various aspects of the life of the nation. In this article we will look at several additional aspects of the social significance of the Uzbek language.

The Uzbek language is one of the key elements of the cultural diversity of Uzbekistan. It represents not only the basis of communication, but also a wealth of cultural expressions, including literature, music, traditions and customs. The preservation and development of the Uzbek language contributes to the preservation of this cultural diversity, which is an important factor for strengthening national identity and identity.

Knowledge of the Uzbek language ensures equal opportunities and social mobility for all citizens of Uzbekistan. The Uzbek language is the language of all walks of life, and its use does not depend on social status or origin. This helps create a fairer and more inclusive society where every person has an equal chance to succeed and develop. The Uzbek language plays an important role in the preservation and transmission of family and traditional values. Many traditions, customs and values of the Uzbek people are closely related to the language, and its use in a family setting contributes to the preservation of this cultural heritage. The Uzbek language serves as a means of transmitting historical knowledge, the wisdom of ancestors and cultural norms, which is important for the formation of healthy and stable family relationships. Language also plays a role in the formation of national pride and patriotism among the population of Uzbekistan. Knowledge and use of the native language is accompanied by a sense of belonging to one's nation, respect for one's history and culture. This helps strengthen national unity and willingness to defend and develop one's country.

Thus, the Uzbek language plays a key role in the social, cultural, economic and political development of Uzbekistan. Preservation and development of the Uzbek language is a priority to ensure sustainable and harmonious development of society in the future.

The Uzbek language plays not only a functional role in society, but also has deep sociocultural and social meanings. Its preservation and development are important tasks to ensure the sustainable and harmonious development of Uzbek society in the future. Supporting the Uzbek language not only strengthens the cultural and identity components of society, but also contributes to social integration, economic development and international cooperation of Uzbekistan.

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