Formation of nouns with diminutive meaning in modern Karakalpak language

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Abstract: The article deals with ways and forms of expressing subjective estimation of diminutive terms of nouns in modern Karakalpak. In spite of some works on this theme, it remains insufficiently explored in modern Karakalpak language. One of the forms of expressing subjective estimation of diminutive terms of nouns is affixation. This study presents the formation of diminutive affixes of nouns – sha/ - she, shaq/- shek, - shyq/- shik, - ek/- k in modern Karakalpak language. The paper first presents the characteristics of subjective evaluation and expressiveness of nouns. Next, the paper reviews the studies on subjective forms of the noun in Turkic linguistics. Then analysis of the diminutive suffixes of nouns in modern Karakalpak language is given, concluding that, diminutive forms in the Karakalpak language are expressed by means of diminutive affixes. These include the affixes - sha/ - she, - shak/- shek, - shyk/- shik, - ek/- k and give a diminutive meaning to a person, object, animal names, etc. and create a new form.

Key words: subjective estimation, diminutive, endearment, affix, subjective forms meaning, endearment, form-building, denote, unproductive.

INTRODUCTION

Subjective estimation and expressiveness is a very complex, multi-faceted category that has an objective-subjective character. Subjective forms of the noun give additional meaning to the main feature of the subject, that is, a sign of diminutiveness, endearment, respect, humiliation, ridicule, reinforcement, etc. Such meanings are expressed by adding special affixes or words.

In Turkic linguistics, this question was considered by A.N.Kononov, R Kungurov, N.A Baskakov, R.Ikramova, M. A Jurabayeva, A Muradov., etc.

In this paper, we will try to analyze the diminutive suffixes of nouns in modern Karakalpak language.

Forms of nouns that express diminutiveness are used to show the diminution of objects and people by age, volume, size.

In modern Karakalpak language, the number and scope of diminutive suffixes is limited. This includes the affixes - sha/ - she, - shak/- shek, - shyk/- shik, etc.

DISCUSSIONS

Study on diminutive affixes of nouns in Karakalpak language affix - sha/ - she

As a diminutive affix - sha/- she has form-building feature. For example: er+she, (small saddle) korpe+she, (small quilt) musin+she (small figure(sculpture work) xaykel+she (small statue), dorba+sha (small bag), bel+she (small shovel), sandiq+sha (small chest), qui+t+sha (small box), etc.

As form-building affix, it forms nouns with diminutive meaning from the following words and determines that these subjects are small in comparison with the main ones:

1. the names of the subjects of the domestic industry and denotes diminutive meaning. For example: lyig’in’a ershe salipsan’ (Zhiyen zhiraw). Muptilla ag’a ta’wip a’kelipti, - dedi ol apasinin’ to’seginin’ zhaninda ko’rpeshe to’sestirip (O.A’bdirakhmanov). ...dorbashasinan nan sindirip, awzina bir tislem saldi (T. Kayipbergenov).

In these examples, diminutive form of nouns is formed with the help of affixes - sha/- she: er+sh, (small saddle), korpe+she (small quilt), etc.

2. Affix-sha/- she is added to the nouns, denoting the names of plants and forms diminutive
meaning. For example: *putaq+sha* (small shrub), *na'l+she* (small sprout), *zhapiraq+sha* (leaflet), etc.


3. *sha/-she* is added to the nouns, signifying knowledge and trade and has diminutive meaning. For example: *kitap+sha* (booklet), *da’pter+she* (small notebook), etc. Examples: Qoyin qaltasinan shig’arip amant kassasinin’ bir *kitapshas* usindi da: Minada eki zhuz min’ manat bar, uslap tur,ga’limdi bo’lme, uslay ber,-dedi (Sh.Seyitov). Al saq’an aqsha kerek bolsa,tuw ana tartpani ash,menin’aylig’imnan awistirip qoyg’an eki min’ saq’an aqsha kerek bolsa, tuw ana tartpani.

4. Affix *-sha/-she* is added to the nouns denoting the meaning of space and form diminutive meaning: *maydan+sha* (small playing field), *qorg’an+sha* (small fortress), *baq+sha* (small garden), *diywal+sha* (small wall), etc. For example: Bir waqitli *maydanshanim*’ argi beteni meshitke qaray eki-ush adam kele berdi (A.Bekimbetov). Qislaw bolgan zherlerde anaw qaray eki shegingen fashistlerdin’.

5. *-sha/-she* is added to the nouns, signifying the name of animals and their children or their small species: *gunan+sha* (kolt), *o’giz+she* (bull-calf) and others. Examples: *Gunanshag’a* ko’zlik, zhipek zhona, nagysly aq terilik bezedim, basima maydan+sha (small playing field), qorg’an+sha (small fortress, ataw+sha (islet), qala+sha (townlet), baq+sha (small garden), diywal+sha (small wall), etc. For example: Bir waqitli *maydanshanim*’ argi beteni meshitke qaray eki-ush adam kele berdi (A.Bekimbetov). Qislaw bolgan zherlerde anaw qaray eki shegingen fashistlerdin’.

6. Suffix *-sha/-she* is added to the nouns meaning various geometric shapes and show their small size and volume: *zhuldyz+sha* (starlet), *siziq+sha* (small line), *shen’ber+she* (small circle, circlet), *qayiq+sha* (small boat), etc.

7. Affix *-sha/-she* is used to denote residential buildings, farms, industry, military enterprises, as well as a part of an item: *bo’lim+she* (small part), *man’lay+sha* (small door head) *shabaq+sha* (small perch), *shaqap+sha* (subdivision), etc. Examples: Zhol boyinda keyin qaray shegingen fashistlerdin’ *bo’limsheleri* shubirip o’tti (A.Bekimbetov). Bir ku’ni zhumistan kelip, esiktki asha bergerinme *man’layshadan* bir khat zherege tors ete qaldi (I. Kurbanbayev).

8. In some cases, this affix is added to a noun expressing respect for women and means not only a diminutive meaning, but also denotes respect: *khan+sha*, *khanim+sha* (in the meaning of lady, Madam, missis) etc. For example: *Khanimsha*, sorpa ishin’iz, zhazilaszy (T. Kaipbergenov).

**Affix-shaq/-shek**

In the Turkological literature, the origin and phonetic variants of affix *-shaq/-shek* is interpreted in different ways. Scientists Vambery and Denis associate suffix *-shaq* and its phonetic variants with *chag* (*<chang*) meaning quantity and time [1].

Uzbek linguist A. Gulomov also considers that the affix – *shaq* came from the words *choq*, *choq*, meaning small number, volume [2]. According to G.I. Ramstedt, the affix – *shaq* is derived from the connection of *-shand-aq* (*c* and *aq*) [3].

In the Kazakh language phonetic variant of this affix – *shaq*, *-shek*, *-shiq*, *-shik* [4], in the Kyrgyz language – *cek* (–*cik*) [5], *-chik*, *-chyk*, *-chuk*, *-chak*, *-chek*, *-chok* [6] in the Yakut language *chik*, *-chok* [7], in the Turkish language *-cik* (*<cik*), *cuk* (*<cuk*), *-cik* (*<cik*), *cuk* (*<cik*), *-cak*, *-cek* [8], in the Oyrat language *chak*, *-chek* (*-chok*) [9], in the Bashkir language *-sak* (*<syk*), *-sek*, *-sok*, *-sök* [10], in the Altay language– *čaq* (*<cak*), *čaq* (*<cak*), in the Khakass language *-zeh* (*-sek*), *-uzah* (*-izek* can be found.

K. Dyikanov, N. K. Dmitriev, M. Shamsieva, K. Sharafutdinova name these affixes as diminutive affixes.


In the modern Karakalpak language, the affix *-shaq/-shek* is added to the names of some
animals and gives a caressing meaning. For example: qulín+shaq (foal), tayín+shaq (foal in the second year), tulк+i+shek (pup), etc.

Zhilgi ishinde qulínshaq, Zhal quyrlı bir qushaq (Karakalpak folklore). -A’yy tayínshaq’im, a’ken’ qartaydi (X.Otemuratova).

These nouns mean a baby horse or foal and express a diminutive meaning.

This affix is also added to other nouns and gives a diminutive meaning to the subject expressed by the noun: sho’p+shek, gu’d+shek, etc. Examples: Anaw kishkene gu’d+shyk, araların o’tip seksewildin’ zhin’ishke shaqalarin biraq ko’lishki oriwg’a bragant uzbekat rukhsat a’per (O.Abdirakhmanov).

Sometimes the affix -shyk/-shik is used to express the small form of plants: tu’bir+shik (stump), balu+shyk (young sprouts), etc. For example: Tomarlari shiriq, tubirshik bolip qalq’an (T.Kayipbergenov).

In the Karakalpak language this affix is unproductive compared to other affixes.

Affix-ek / -k

In the Karakalpak language, this affix is unproductive and does not always express a subjective meaning: tiken+ek (thorn), ayn+ek (window), egiz+ek (twin), kozgenek (hole), tuyirtek (lump), etc. For example: Da’slep ol’ esh na’rseni an’g’armap edi, serlep un’ig’lende, onyn’ ornynda kishkene ijynen’ ko’zindey ko’zgeneklerdi an’ghardy (I. Kurbunbayev). Gu’lin suygen tikenegi de suyedi (Proverb).

CONCLUSION

This study concluded that diminutive forms of nouns in the Karakalpak language are expressed by means of diminutive affixes. These include the affixes-sha/-she, -shak/-shek, -shyk/-shek,-ek/-k and give a diminutive meaning to a person, object, animal names, etc. and create a new form.

1) Affix -sha/-she as a diminutive affix has form-building feature and it forms nouns with diminutive meaning from the following words and determines that these subjects are small in comparison with the main ones. This affix is added to the names of the subjects of the domestic industry, plants, the nouns, signifying knowledge.
and trade, the nouns denoting the meaning of space, the nouns, signifying the name of animals and their children or their small species, the nouns meaning various geometric shapes and show their small size and volume, residential buildings, farms, industry, military enterprises, as well as a part of an item, a noun expressing respect for women and means not only a diminutive meaning, but also denotes respect, names of some animals and gives a caressing meaning, their nouns and gives a diminutive meaning to the subject expressed by the noun.

2) Affix-şhyq / -şik is unproductive in the Karakalpak language. It can be found in the following cases:

It is added to nouns denoting household items and shows a diminutive meaning, used to show high objects low, added to the names of nouns, the names of places, used to express the small form of plants. In the Karakalpak language this affix is unproductive compared to other affixes and does not always express a subjective meaning.

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