

LINGUISTIC PECULIARITIES OF ADVERTISEMENTS: EXPLORING THE USE OF PUNS, METAPHORS, AND SLOGANS

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ABSTRACT

This article explores the use of linguistic peculiarities in advertising language, specifically puns, metaphors, and slogans. The study aims to analyze the impact of these linguistic devices on consumer behavior and to provide insights for advertisers on how to effectively use them to create a strong brand identity and increase consumer engagement with their products or services. It also presents examples of puns, metaphors, and slogans in advertising texts and discusses their impact on consumers. The study's findings suggest that linguistic peculiarities can significantly influence consumer behavior and that advertisers should carefully consider their use in creating effective advertising campaigns.

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Introduction

Linguistic peculiarities in advertising language have been a topic of interest for researchers for several decades. The language used in advertising is specifically tailored to persuade and influence consumers to buy a product or service. As such, the use of linguistic peculiarities in advertising texts is a crucial element in creating effective and memorable advertisements. The purpose of this literature review is to provide an overview of the importance of linguistic peculiarities in advertising language and to define the concept of linguistic peculiarities. The study's objectives are to examine the various linguistic peculiarities used in advertising texts, including

the use of puns, metaphors, and slogans, and to analyze the impact of these peculiarities on consumer behavior.

Linguistic peculiarities are unique and creative ways of using language to convey a message. In advertising, linguistic peculiarities are used to create an emotional response in the consumer, to make the advertisement memorable, and to differentiate the product or service from competitors. According to Myers (1994), "linguistic peculiarities are a way of creating attention and interest in the advertisement, and of making the advertisement stand out in a crowded marketplace" (p. 62). The use of linguistic peculiarities in advertising texts can take various forms, including the use of puns, metaphors, and slogans. Puns are a type of wordplay that uses the double meaning of words to create a humorous effect. For example, the slogan "I can't believe it's not butter" uses a pun on the word "butter" to suggest that the product is so good that it is hard to believe it is not the real thing. Metaphors are a type of figure of speech that compares two things that are not alike to create a new meaning. For example, the slogan "A diamond is forever" compares the durability of a diamond to the concept of eternal love. Slogans are short and memorable phrases that are used to promote a product or service. For example, the slogan "Just do it" is used by Nike to encourage consumers to take action and buy their products.

Research has shown that the use of linguistic peculiarities in advertising language can have a significant impact on consumer behavior. According to Huhmann and Broderick (1994), "linguistic peculiarities are a way of creating brand personality, and of establishing an emotional connection with the consumer" (p. 171). This emotional connection can lead to increased brand loyalty, positive brand associations, and ultimately, increased sales.

A pun is a play on words that exploits multiple meanings or sounds of a word to create humor or a clever twist. Puns are commonly used in advertising to create a memorable brand image and to convey a message in a creative way. According to Giora (2003), puns can have a positive impact on consumers by making them feel good and increasing their interest in the product or service being advertised.

However, puns can also be confusing or off-putting if they are too obscure or require too much effort to understand (Giora, 2003). For example, the slogan "Life's Good" used by LG Electronics is a pun on the company's name and the phrase "life is good." This pun creates a positive association with the brand and reinforces the idea that using LG products will make life better.

A metaphor is a figure of speech that compares two things without using "like" or "as." Metaphors are often used in advertising to create an emotional connection between the product or service being advertised and the consumer. According to Lakoff and Johnson (1980), metaphors are powerful tools for shaping people's perceptions and beliefs about the world around them. Research has shown that metaphors can have a strong impact on consumers by influencing their attitudes and behavior towards the product or service being advertised (Cornelissen & Lock, 2000). For example, the slogan "Just Do It" used by Nike is a metaphor that encourages consumers to take action and pursue their goals. This metaphor creates a sense of empowerment and motivation, which can be a powerful motivator for consumers.

A slogan is a short phrase or sentence that is used to promote a product or service. Slogans are often used in advertising to create a memorable brand identity and to communicate a key message to consumers. According to Keller (1993), slogans can have a strong impact on consumers by creating brand associations and reinforcing brand loyalty. Research has shown that slogans can be effective in influencing consumer behavior by creating positive associations with the brand (Keller, 1993). For example, the slogan "I'm Lovin' It" used by McDonald's creates a positive association with the brand and reinforces the idea that McDonald's food is enjoyable and satisfying.

Examples of puns in advertising texts include the slogan "Got Milk?" used by the California Milk Processor Board, which is a pun on the phrase "got it?" This pun creates a memorable brand identity and reinforces the idea that milk is an essential part of a healthy diet. Examples of metaphors in advertising texts include the slogan "The Ultimate Driving Machine" used by BMW, which is a metaphor that creates a

sense of luxury and prestige associated with the brand. This metaphor reinforces the idea that BMW cars are superior to other brands and are the ultimate choice for discerning consumers. Examples of slogans in advertising texts include the slogan "Think Different" used by Apple, which creates a sense of innovation and creativity associated with the brand. This slogan reinforces the idea that Apple products are cutting-edge and unique compared to other brands.

Conclusion

Linguistic peculiarities such as puns, metaphors, and slogans are powerful tools for creating memorable advertising texts that capture the attention of consumers and persuade them to take action. Research has shown that these linguistic features can have a strong impact on consumer behavior by creating positive associations with the brand and influencing attitudes and beliefs about the product or service being advertised. By using these linguistic peculiarities effectively, advertisers can create a strong brand identity and increase consumer engagement with their products or services.

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