

## **SPEECH COUNTERACTION IN ENGLISH DIALOGUE ON THE EXAMPLES OF LITERARY WORKS OF THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES**

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### **Annotation:**

This article explores the phenomenon of speech counteraction in English dialogue within the context of literary works from the 20th and 21st centuries. By examining the methods employed by authors to depict and resolve conflicts through dialogue, we aim to gain insight into the evolving dynamics of communication in literature over the years.

**Keywords:** Speech counteraction, dialogue, literary works, 20th century, 21st century, literature, communication.

### **Аннотация:**

В данной статье исследуется феномен речевого противодействия в английском диалоге в контексте литературных произведений 20-го и 21-го веков. Изучая методы, используемые авторами для изображения и разрешения конфликтов посредством диалога, мы стремимся получить представление о динамике развития коммуникации в литературе на протяжении многих лет.

**Ключевые слова:** Речевое противодействие, диалог, литературные произведения, 20 век, 21 век, литература, коммуникация.

### **Introduction**

The power of language and dialogue as a medium of communication in literature has been a subject of fascination for centuries. In the 20th and 21st centuries, literature has witnessed an evolution in the portrayal of dialogue and its nuanced elements. One such element that has gained prominence is speech counteraction. In this article, we delve into the concept of speech counteraction in English dialogue, drawing examples from literary works spanning the last two centuries. We will explore the methods employed by authors to employ speech counteraction, analyze the results achieved, and engage in a discussion on its significance. Finally, we will draw conclusions and suggest future directions for the study of this literary device.

To examine speech counteraction in English dialogue, we selected a diverse range of literary works from the 20th and 21st centuries. These works were chosen for their representation of dialogue and the ways in which speech counteraction is deployed. The selected texts include classics like George Orwell's "1984" and contemporary novels such as Zadie Smith's "White Teeth."

We employed textual analysis to identify instances of speech counteraction in these works. We focused on dialogues that featured conflict, contradiction, or opposition between characters' spoken words and underlying intentions or emotions. In addition,

we considered non-verbal cues such as body language and tone to understand the subtleties of speech counteraction.

Speech counteraction in English dialogue refers to a literary device where characters engage in verbal conflict or opposition, often through argument, contradiction, or disagreement. This technique is commonly used in literature to create tension, develop characters, and explore themes. Here are some examples of speech counteraction in English dialogue from literary works of the 20th and 21st centuries:

"The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald (1925):

- Example: The heated arguments and disagreements between Tom Buchanan and Jay Gatsby throughout the novel serve as a prominent example of speech counteraction. They clash over Daisy, wealth, and social status, leading to intense confrontations.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee (1960):

- Example: Atticus Finch's defense of Tom Robinson and his beliefs in justice and racial equality lead to arguments and counterarguments within the community. These dialogues highlight the racial tensions and societal divisions in the American South during the 1930s.

"A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen (1879):

- While not from the 20th or 21st century, "A Doll's House" remains relevant and is often studied. The dialogue between Nora and Torvald Helmer reflects the marital conflict and societal expectations of the time, with Nora eventually challenging the traditional gender roles.

"The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger (1951):

- Example: Holden Caulfield's interactions with various characters showcase his rebellious nature and criticism of society. His dialogues with adults, like Mr. Spencer or his own family members, demonstrate his counteraction to their conformity and hypocrisy.

"The Road" by Cormac McCarthy (2006):

- Example: The dialogue between the father and son in this post-apocalyptic novel is filled with tension and disagreement as they navigate a dangerous world. Their differing perspectives on survival, morality, and hope create a powerful dynamic.

"Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2013):

- Example: The novel explores race, identity, and immigration through the dialogues of its characters, Ifemelu and Obinze. Their conversations about their experiences in Nigeria and America reflect differing viewpoints on issues of race and culture.

"The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas (2017):

- Example: The novel features intense dialogues surrounding racial injustice and police violence. The protagonist, Starr, engages in heated conversations with friends, family, and activists as she navigates her role in the Black Lives Matter movement.

"The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt (2013):

- Example: The character Boris engages in counteraction with the protagonist, Theo, throughout their troubled friendship. Their dialogues touch on themes of loss, addiction, and the search for meaning in life.

These examples demonstrate how speech counteraction is used to explore complex themes, develop characters, and create tension in English literature from the 20th and 21st centuries. It is a powerful narrative tool that allows authors to delve into the conflicts and contradictions inherent in human society and relationships.

The presence of speech counteraction in these literary works serves several purposes. Firstly, it adds depth to character development by revealing the inner conflicts and complexities of individuals. Secondly, it creates tension and suspense in the narrative, keeping readers engaged and curious about the characters' true intentions. Finally, it allows authors to explore broader themes and social commentary by contrasting what is said with what is meant.

Speech counteraction is a reflection of the complexities of human communication. In real-life conversations, individuals often mask their true feelings or intentions, and literature mirrors this reality. By using speech counteraction, authors provide a realistic portrayal of human interaction while also offering insight into the human psyche.

### Conclusions and Suggestions:

In conclusion, speech counteraction in English dialogue is a powerful literary device that has been employed effectively in both classic and contemporary literature. It enriches character development, adds depth to narratives, and offers a window into the intricacies of human communication. As literature continues to evolve, we can expect speech counteraction to remain a relevant and compelling aspect of dialogue.

Future studies in this area could explore the cultural and contextual variations of speech counteraction in different genres and time periods. Additionally, research could delve into the impact of speech counteraction on reader engagement and comprehension. By further investigating this literary device, scholars can continue to unravel its significance in the evolving landscape of literature.

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