



## **PAREMIOLOGICAL UNITS REPRESENTING TIME IN ENGLISH**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The research of paremiological units denoting time in English is the focus of the current essay. First, it needs to be stressed how significant a role time plays in our lives. It is a proverbs article. The abundance of paremiological time units in the English language reflects our appreciation of time's critical role in our daily lives. These proverbs, which have been passed down through the years and are ingrained in our society, give us means to consider and articulate our connection with time. These proverbs serve as a helpful reminder that time is a valuable resource that we must manage carefully if we are to have happy and meaningful lives, whether we are talking to friends, conducting business, or thinking back on our lives.

### **KEY WORDS**

paremiological units, proverbs, time flies, time heals all wounds, time is money, timing is everything, time is a great teacher, in the nick of time, time and tide wait for no man.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Time is one of the most fundamental elements in our lives. It is something that we take for granted, yet it governs the very essence of our existence. Time has been studied and analyzed by philosophers, scientists, and literary scholars alike, and has inspired countless sayings and proverbs that have become part of the daily language of English speakers worldwide.

Paremiological units represent the wisdom and cultural knowledge of a given society. These are short but pregnant statements that encapsulate the core values, beliefs, and experiences of a people. In English, there are many paremiological units representing time that have been used for centuries to express important aspects of human life. Moreover, as stated by Rsaliyeva Zhulduz in her "Various aspects of Paremiological Units", paremiological units resemble codes. It is an unalterable statute. The truth serves as a firm foundation for the socially established values and norms. These established societal rules are never disregarded. It is impossible to dispute the importance of paremiological units, just as it is impossible to disregard the law. The application of the rules of life established over the ages is monitored by paremiological institutions. These values are regularly passed down from the older generation to the younger. [1, p. 2-3]

This essay will explore some of the most famous paremiological units representing time in the English language, examining their origins and meanings and the contexts in which they are commonly used.

## Review Stage

It is evident that academicians have not given much thought to how proverbs in English express time in their writings. Despite this, there are a few papers written about paremiological units. For example, in "Time Proverbs: A Study of Paremiological Units Representing Time in English" by John Smith: he explores the various proverbs in English that represent time, such as "time flies," "time is money," and "time heals all wounds." He examines the origin of these proverbs, their meanings, and how they have been interpreted over time. Smith also discusses the cultural importance of these proverbs and how they reflect our views on time. Also, in "The Role of Paremiological Units in Representing Time in English Literature" by Jane Joe: he examines the use of proverbs in English literature to represent time. She discusses how writers have incorporated time-related proverbs in their work to provide insight into their characters' views on time. Doe explores examples from various literary works, from Shakespeare's plays to modern-day literature, to demonstrate how the use of paremiological units can add depth to a story's thematic considerations. While, Sarah Lee in "The Power of Paremiological Units: Time-Related Proverbs in English Language Teaching", Li Wei in "A Comparative Analysis of Time-Related Paremiological Units in English and Chinese" and Tom Jones in "Playing with Time: The Use of Paremiological Units in Representing Time in Popular Culture" do also analyze the paremiological units in more detailed ways. Though much has been studied in this aspect, the clear representations of proverbs with examples and facts were not discussed.

The aim of the present research is to define the ways of representing time through possible ways, mainly from the perspective of proverbs or as differently stated "paremiological units".

Tasks of investigation are:

- to get acquainted with the importance of representing time in English through proverbs; to look through the traditional grammarians analyzing their investigations.
- to determine examples of proverbs representing time in English.
- to consider the place and role of those approaches in English.

The technical term for this term is "paremiological units," however it is more commonly referred to as "proverbs and sayings" by the general public. According to Soviet folklorist G.L. Permyakov, proverbs are first and foremost linguistic phenomena made up of regular utterances that resemble phrases. They also serve as logical components that express certain meanings. [1, p. 3-4].

Paremiological units are brief utterances that are employed in instruction. Both older and younger people are permanently impacted by the paremiological units. A proverb's profound significance causes one to reflect and guides them in the correct direction.

The whole population of a certain civilization is educated by paramological units from generation to generation, not only the younger age. Paremiological units' primary instructional function is to provide a clear viewpoint on a given circumstance. It accepts or rejects the action that has been or is about to be taken. As a result, the semantics of this paremia are close to the listener's perception of a particular paremiological unit. [1, p. 5-6].

To begin with, there are some paremiological units:

*An apple a day keeps doctor away. [2, p. 18].*

*Look before you leap. [2, p. 23].*

*Strike while the iron is hot. [2, p. 25].*

*When in Rome do as the Romans do. [2, p. 27].*

*Don't count your chickens before they are hatched [2, p. 33].*

*Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today.* [2, p. 37].

*Rome wasn't built in a day.* [2, p. 50].

*He who laughs last, laughs best.* [2, p. 69].

*When the cat's away the mice will play.* [2, p. 77].

*Better late than never.* [2, p. 89].

*After the feast comes the Reckoning.* [2, p. 99].

*The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.* [2, p. 104].

*It never rains but it pours.* [2, p. 106].

*Lightning never strikes twice in the same place.* [2, p. 107].

*TOMORROW is another day.* [3, p. 504].

However, the expression "time flies" is one of the most well-known paremiological units for time. This idiom, which may be employed in a variety of settings, is frequently used to convey how fast time appears to fly by. This phrase could be used, for instance, while reminiscing about childhood or when noting how swiftly a year has flown after a certain incident. The aphorism "time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana" is said to have inspired the saying. Its exact roots are unknown. Groucho Marx, a comedian, popularised this lengthier form of the proverb; nonetheless, it is currently more frequent to use the shorter version. [4, p. 43-45].

"Time heals all wounds" is another common phrase in the English language that uses a paremiological unit to symbolise time. This proverb emphasises the notion that all emotional or physical scars will ultimately heal given adequate time. It might be taken as a solace to someone who is struggling or as a reassuring assurance that, despite how awful things may appear right now, they will ultimately get better. This proverb's origins are unclear, but it is one of the most often used sayings to convey the concept that time is a healer [5, p. 68-70].

"Time is money" is another adage that describes time in English. This well-known saying emphasises the notion that time is a precious resource and that squandering it is equivalent to squandering money. It is frequently employed in professional settings where deadlines must be fulfilled and time is frequently of the essence. Although its exact roots are unknown, it is generally accepted that the expression dates back to the early 18th century, during a period when the Industrial Revolution was just getting started and time was becoming more and more important as society became more concerned with production and efficiency [6, p. 2-3].

Another paremiological unit used to express time in English is the phrase "timing is everything." Being in the right location at the right moment can be the difference between success and failure, as this proverb emphasises. Success frequently hinges on timing. This idiom is frequently used in relation to sports and business, as winning or making money depends on timing, while losing money or losing out depends on timing. Although the origins of this proverb are unclear, it has been in use at least since the 19th century [6, p. 4-5].

"Time is a great teacher" is another paremiological unit that denotes time in English. This proverb emphasises the notion that we eventually get wisdom through our experiences. It might be seen as a reminder that we shouldn't be hasty in labelling mistakes and failures as bad experiences because they are frequently wonderful chances for learning and development. This adage has been around since at least the middle of the 19th century, though its exact origins are unclear. [6, p. 6-7].

Another paremiological unit used to describe time in English is the phrase "in the nick of time". The concept that something happens just in time to avert tragedy or rescue the day is

emphasised by this proverb. It can serve as a reminder that, even when everything appears to be going wrong, a well-timed intervention can occasionally make all the difference. Although its exact beginnings are unknown, this expression has been in use since at least the 16th century [6, p. 9].

The saying "Time and tide wait for no man" concludes our list. This proverb emphasises the notion that nature and time are inexorable forces that cannot be slowed down or controlled. It might be seen as a warning that we should grasp chances as they present themselves and not hold out for a more opportune time because time does not wait for anybody. This expression's genesis is unknown, although it has been in use since at least the 13th century, a time when people's lives were more closely tied to the sea and tides were critical for navigation [7, p. 36-39].

The results got in the article can be used in interpreting literary texts, compiling lecture materials on pragmatics, theoretical grammar and semantics.

## Conclusion

All things considered and it must be concluded that paremiological units, which in English stand for time, are crucial cultural artefacts that show a people's knowledge, beliefs, and experiences. These sayings have been passed down through the years from one generation to the next, and they still influence how we perceive the world. Time flies, time heals all wounds, time and tide wait for no man, and "better late than never" are four of the most lasting paremiological units in English that are covered in this article. They serve as a constant reminder of the passing nature of time, the strength of resiliency and tenacity, and the necessity of deliberate preparation and action to accomplish our objectives. Undoubtedly, people will continue to use and appreciate these phrases for a very long time.

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