

EXPLORING THE USE OF METAPHORS IN CHILDREN LITERATURE: A DISCURSIVE PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores the discourse analysis of metaphors used in children literature. It basically deals with the role of metaphors in understanding literature. Metaphors provide a more vivid, flexible and expressible language. Metaphor is not a matter of language but it controls our feelings, ideas and actions. This paper aims to investigate the use of metaphors in children's literature from discursive perspective. Metaphors are used to say something in another way or we may call it as saying or conveying something in indirect way. Our basic purpose of writing this paper is to explore the use of different metaphors in children literature that how metaphors are helpful in understanding children literature. This paper also deals with the cultural values as well as the psychological impact of metaphors on children psychology. We are going to analyze the use of different and childish metaphors in course books of children that how metaphors attracts children in studying and understanding. By studying children literature we have seen many examples and we further categorized them into its type's i.e. Dead metaphors, active metaphors, extended metaphors, and implicit metaphors are discussed in a detailed way. Some mixed examples of metaphors are also analyzed along with these metaphors. In this study we have checked the psychological impact, cultural values embedded by these metaphors and the ideologies lying behind the usage of these metaphors. The end of this paper is loaded with number of references regarding this topic.

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