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### THE DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES OF PROVERBS AND SAYINGS

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**Abstract:** Proverbs and sayings are two types of traditional expressions that have been used for centuries to convey wisdom, advice, and cultural norms. Both proverbs and sayings are typically short, easy-to-remember phrases that are used to make a point or to illustrate a truth. However, there are also some key differences between the two types of expressions. This study examined the differences and similarities between proverbs and sayings using a corpus of 100 proverbs and sayings. The study found that proverbs and sayings share a number of similarities. Both types of expressions are typically short, easy-to-remember phrases that are used to make a point or to illustrate a truth. Proverbs and sayings also often use figurative language, such as metaphors and similes.

Keywords: Proverbs, sayings, traditional expressions, wisdom, advice, cultural norms

#### Introduction

Mikhail Sholokhov, believe that none of the forms of linguistic creativity of the people with such force and so many not manifest his mind, so crystal is not reflected in its national history, social structure, everyday life, worldview, as in proverbs. The same idea is stressed by M. I. Dubrovin: "The wisdom and spirit of the people manifested in his sayings and proverbs, and knowledge of proverbs and sayings of a people contributes not only to a better knowledge of the language, but also a better understanding of the mindset and character of the people." The study found that there are some key differences between proverbs and sayings. Proverbs are typically more general and abstract than sayings. Proverbs also often express a moral or ethical principle. Sayings, on the other hand, are typically more specific and concrete than proverbs. Sayings also often express a practical or common-sense truth.

The differences and similarities between proverbs and sayings reflect the different purposes that these two types of expressions serve. Proverbs are used to express general truths and moral principles, while sayings are used to express specific and practical truths. Both types of expressions can be used to teach, advise, and entertain.

Proverbs are typically more general and abstract than sayings. Proverbs also often express a moral or ethical principle. For example, the proverb "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" teaches us that it is better to be content with what we have than to risk losing it all in pursuit of something better.

Sayings, on the other hand, are typically more specific and concrete than proverbs. Sayings also often express a practical or common-sense truth. For example, the saying "Don't put all your eggs in one basket" teaches us that it is unwise to put all of our resources in one place.

Despite their differences, proverbs and sayings also share a number of similarities. Both types of expressions are typically short, easy-to-remember phrases that are used to make a point





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# Methods

The proverbs and sayings were collected from a variety of sources, including dictionaries, books, and websites. The proverbs and sayings were then analyzed using a variety of linguistic and semantic techniques, and used descriptive method.

### Results

However, the study also found that there are some key differences between proverbs and sayings. Proverbs are typically more general and abstract than sayings. Proverbs also often express a moral or ethical principle. Sayings, on the other hand, are typically more specific and concrete than proverbs. Sayings also often express a practical or common-sense truth.

## Examples

Here are some examples of proverbs and sayings:

- Proverbs:
  - A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
  - A penny saved is a penny earned.
  - The early bird gets the worm.
- Sayings:
  - When you do things from your soul, you feel a river moving in you, a joy.
  - A divine dance appears in the soul and the body at the time of peace and union. Anyone can learn the dance, just listen to the music." – Rumi
  - A little while alone in your room will prove more valuable than anything else that could ever be given you." Rumi

## Conclusion

Proverbs and sayings are two types of traditional expressions that have been used for centuries to convey wisdom, advice, and cultural norms. Both proverbs and sayings are typically short, easy-to-remember phrases that are used to make a point or to illustrate a truth. However, there are also some key differences between the two types of expressions. Proverbs are typically more general and abstract than sayings, and proverbs often express a moral or ethical principle. Sayings, on the other hand, are typically more specific and concrete than proverbs, and sayings often express a practical or common-sense truth.

Proverbs and sayings are a valuable part of our cultural heritage. They provide us with insights into the wisdom and values of our ancestors.

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