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**Annotation.** *The function of code-switching in intercultural communication is examined in this article, with a focus on multilingual and educational settings. Bilingual and multilingual speakers frequently engage in code-switching, which is defined as alternating between two or more languages during a single conversation. The study looks at how code-switching serves as a communication technique that improves interaction between people from various linguistic and cultural backgrounds, promotes understanding, and expresses cultural identity. The impact of code-switching on meaning negotiation and the growth of intercultural competency is also examined in this research. Its use in language learning environments is given particular consideration, since it may be both a pedagogical instrument and a possible obstacle if abused.*

*The results imply that code-switching, when used properly, can facilitate clear communication, lessen miscommunication, and assist students in negotiating challenging cross-cultural circumstances.*

**Key words:** *Code-switching, Intercultural communication, Bilingual and multilingual speakers, Language alternation, Linguistic competence, Communicative competence.*

**Аннотация.** *В этой статье рассматривается функция переключения кодов в межкультурной коммуникации с акцентом на многоязычие и образовательные условия.*

*Двуязычные и многоязычные говорящие часто используют переключение кодов, которое определяется как чередование двух или более языков в ходе одного разговора. В исследовании рассматривается, как переключение кодов служит средством коммуникации, которое улучшает взаимодействие между людьми, принадлежащими к различным языковым и культурным группам, способствует взаимопониманию и выражает культурную идентичность. В этом исследовании также рассматривается влияние переключения кодов на согласование значений и развитие межкультурной компетенции.*

*Особое внимание уделяется его использованию в среде изучения языка, поскольку он может быть как педагогическим инструментом, так и возможным препятствием в случае злоупотребления. Полученные результаты показывают, что переключение кодов при правильном использовании может способствовать четкой коммуникации, уменьшить недопонимание и помочь учащимся в преодолении сложных межкультурных ситуаций.*

**Ключевые слова:** *Переключение кодов, Межкультурная коммуникация, Двуязычные и многоязычные носители языка, Чередование языков, Лингвистическая компетентность, Коммуникативная компетентность.*

**Annotatsiya.** *Ushbu maqolada ko'p tillilik va ta'lim sharoitlariga e'tibor qaratgan holda madaniyatlararo muloqotda kodlarni almashtirish funksiyasi ko'rib chiqiladi.*

*Ikki va ko'p tilli so'zlashuvchilar ko'pincha bitta suhbat davomida ikki yoki undan ortiq tilni almashtirish sifatida ta'riflanadigan kodlarni almashtirishdan foydalanadilar. Tadqiqotda kodlarni almashtirish turli til va madaniyat guruhlariga mansub odamlar o'rtasidagi o'zaro aloqani yaxshilaydigan, o'zaro tushunishni rag'batlantiradigan va madaniy o'ziga xoslikni ifodalaydigan aloqa vositasi sifatida qanday xizmat qilishi ko'rib chiqiladi. Ushbu tadqiqotda kod almashtirishning ma'nolarni muvofiqlashtirish va madaniyatlararo kompetensiyani rivojlantirishga ta'siri ham ko'rib chiqiladi. Uning til o'rganish muhitida qo'llanilishiga alohida e'tibor qaratiladi, chunki u pedagogik vosita sifatida ham, suiiste'mol qilinganda esa ehtimoliy to'siq sifatida ham xizmat qilishi mumkin. Olingan natijalar shuni ko'rsatadiki, kodlarni almashtirish to'g'ri qo'llanilganda aniq muloqotga yordam beradi, tushunmovchiliklarni kamaytiradi va o'quvchilarga murakkab madaniyatlararo vaziyatlarni yengib o'tishda yordam beradi.*

**Kalit so'zlar:** *Kodlarni almashtirish, Madaniyatlararo muloqot, Ikki va ko'p tilli ona tilida so'zlashuvchilar, Tillar almashinuvi, Lingvistik kompetentlik, Kommunikativ kompetentlik.*

**Introduction.** The increasing prevalence of cross-cultural communication in today's globalized world has increased interaction between speakers of different languages. Code-switching, or alternating between two or more languages during a discussion, is one significant occurrence that appears in these situations. Intercultural communication is greatly impacted by this language practice, which is particularly common among bilingual and multilingual speakers.

Code-switching is a social and cultural tactic in addition to a linguistic one. It enables speakers to convey their identities, adjust to various social settings, and promote understanding amongst people. People frequently swap codes in cross-cultural contexts to build rapport, demonstrate respect, or communicate particular meanings that can be difficult to explain in a single language. Code-switching is a sophisticated communicating technique impacted by social, cultural, and contextual elements rather than just a random or unconscious behavior. In order to convey their cultural identity, highlight specific concepts, or adjust to the expectations of their listeners, speakers frequently move between languages. Code-switching acts as a bridge in intercultural communication, where people from different cultural backgrounds converse more easily and reduce misunderstandings. To demonstrate respect for the listener's cultural heritage, foster solidarity, or clarify meaning, a speaker could, for example, switch to a different language.

Additionally, deeper sociolinguistic dynamics including identity negotiation, group membership, and power dynamics are reflected in code-switching. In addition to displaying linguistic proficiency and adaptability, it can indicate membership in a specific community or social group. Speakers frequently employ code-switching to accomplish particular pragmatic goals, such softening remarks, adding comedy, or more successfully expressing emotions. Thus, it is crucial to realize that code-switching is a sign of communicative creativity and cultural awareness rather than a sign of language inadequacy. The purpose of this article is to analyze code-switching's functions, underlying motivations, and effects on effective communication in order to investigate its role in intercultural communication. Additionally, it aims to investigate how people strategically utilize language to negotiate challenging cross-cultural interactions and how code-switching helps foster cross-cultural relationships. By comprehending this phenomenon, we can learn more about how language, culture, and communication interact in a multilingual society.

**Unexplored issues.** Even if the amount of study on code-switching in intercultural communication is increasing, there are still a number of crucial facets of this phenomena that have not received enough attention. The structural and functional aspects of code-switching have been the subject of several research, but its deeper psychological, technological, and contextual aspects in contemporary communication situations have received less attention. The cognitive mechanism underlying code-switching is one of the main unresolved problems. The ability of bilingual and multilingual people to switch between languages with relative ease is well known, but the mental processes underlying this quick transition are still poorly understood. There are still unanswered questions concerning how the brain controls several language systems at once and how switching behavior is influenced by things like memory, attention, and language ability.

The role of code-switching in digital communication is another topic that needs more research. As social media platforms, messaging apps, and online forums have grown in popularity, cross-cultural interactions are happening more and more online. Code-switching may take on new shapes and purposes in these contexts, such fusing languages with internet slang, emojis, or acronyms. The effects of these modifications on cultural awareness and communication efficacy, however, are still not well studied. Furthermore, there aren't many thorough research on how code-switching is viewed in various cultural contexts. It may be linked to linguistic incapacity or lack of fluency in some societies, whereas in others it is seen as a natural and even prestigious skill. These divergent viewpoints may have an impact on speakers' decisions to employ or refrain from code-switching in cross-cultural settings, although this issue has not received enough attention on a worldwide level. Moreover, the connection between power dynamics and code-switching is still not well understood. Language choice can indicate social hierarchy, dominance, or inequality in many cross-cultural exchanges. For instance, speakers may experience pressure to adopt a more popular or dominant language, like English, even if doing so restricts their capacity for complete expression. Promoting more equal communication requires an understanding of how power dynamics affect code-switching behavior. Lastly, nothing is known about the long-term effects of code-switching on cultural identity and linguistic development. Although code-switching is frequently regarded as a helpful communication tactic, it is still unclear whether it has an impact on language proficiency, language preservation, or the long-term stability of cultural identity.

Despite the fact that code-switching has been extensively studied in sociolinguistics and intercultural communication studies, certain crucial aspects have not received enough attention.

While deeper, more intricate parts of this phenomena need more scholarly attention, the majority of current research has concentrated on visible patterns and functions of code-switching.

The absence of interdisciplinary methods for researching code-switching is one major gap. There is still little integration of linguistics with disciplines like cognitive science, psychology, and neuroscience, despite the fact that linguistics offers important insights into structure and usage. Because of this, little is known about the internal mental mechanisms that control language switching, especially how multilingual people simultaneously manage various linguistic systems. A more comprehensive strategy that integrates various fields may offer a better comprehension of how language functions in the human brain. Another unexplored topic is how context influences code-switching behavior. While situational elements are known to affect language choice, less is known about how micro-level contexts—like emotional states, interpersonal relationships, and immediate social environments—affect switching patterns.

These subtle impacts are vital to communication in real life, yet they are frequently disregarded in favor of more general social categories.

Furthermore, the effect of globalization on code-switching behaviors has not been thoroughly investigated. Languages come into contact with one another more frequently as global communication grows, creating new and hybrid forms of interaction. Research on how these global processes alter established code-switching patterns and whether they aid in the formation of new linguistic norms is, however, scarce. In conclusion, even though code-switching has been thoroughly studied, there are still a lot of unanswered questions. A more thorough knowledge of code-switching in international communication might result from addressing these topics through longer-term, more varied, and interdisciplinary research.

**In summary**, code-switching is crucial for intercultural communication because it allows people to express their identities and adjust to various cultural settings. It improves comprehension and increases the effectiveness of communication in multilingual environments. But there are still a lot of unanswered questions, including its cognitive underpinnings, the effects of digital communication, and problems with linguistic inequality. Thus, more investigation is required to fully comprehend this intricate and dynamic phenomenon.

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