



## ENGLISH LOANWORDS IN INSTAGRAM ADVERTISING OF CAFES AND RESTAURANTS IN UZBEKISTAN

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**Abstract:** *This study examines the use of English loanwords in Instagram advertising of cafés and restaurants in Uzbekistan. A total of 30 Instagram posts from 10 popular cafés and restaurants were analyzed to identify the frequency, type, and function of English words. The findings reveal that English loanwords are primarily used to attract attention, convey prestige, and create a modern, global image. These results highlight the influence of globalization on local marketing strategies and the strategic role of language in digital advertising.*

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### **Introduction**

In the modern era of globalization and digital communication, advertising has become one of the most influential tools for shaping consumer behavior.<sup>1</sup> Nowadays, the rapid development of social media platforms, particularly Instagram, has transformed the way businesses promote their products and interact with audiences. In Uzbekistan, cafés and restaurants active use Instagram as a primary platform for advertising, combining visual content with persuasive language to attract customers.

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<sup>1</sup> Fairclough, N. *Language and Power*. – Harlow: Pearson Education Limited, 2001.



One of the noticeable linguistic features of contemporary advertising in Uzbekistan is the increasing use of English loanwords. In many cases, English loanwords are used to create a sense of prestige and modernity in advertising texts. The integration of English words into Uzbek advertising discourse reflects not only marketing strategies. Also broader sociolinguistic processes influenced by globalization and language contact.<sup>2</sup>

The relevance of this research lies in the growing presence of English in local advertising and its impact on consumer perception and language development. Despite the widespread use of English loanwords in advertising, their linguistic functions and communicative roles in the Uzbek context have not been sufficiently studied, especially in digital platforms such as Instagram.

The aim of this study is to analyze the use of English loanwords in Instagram advertising of cafés and restaurants in Uzbekistan and to identify their linguistic and communicative functions.

To achieve this aim, the following tasks are defined:

- to collect advertising texts from Instagram pages of cafés and restaurants;
- to identify English loanwords used in these texts;
- to classify their functions in advertising discourse;
- to analyze their role in attracting consumer attention and shaping brand image.

The object of the research is Instagram advertising texts of cafés and restaurants in Uzbekistan.

The subject of the research is the use of English loanwords as a linguistic feature of advertising language.

The scientific novelty of the research lies in the analysis of English loanwords specifically within the context of Instagram advertising in Uzbekistan, which has not been extensively explored in previous studies.

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<sup>2</sup> Holmes, J. *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*. – London: Routledge, 2013.



The theoretical significance of the study is related to its contribution to sociolinguistics and discourse analysis by examining language contact and borrowing in modern advertising communication.

The practical significance of the research lies in its potential application in marketing strategies and language teaching, helping advertisers and linguists better understand the role of English in shaping effective communication.

## Methods

This research is based on a qualitative-descriptive methodology with elements of quantitative analysis<sup>3</sup>. The study focuses on identifying and analyzing English loanwords in Instagram advertising texts of cafés and restaurants in Uzbekistan from a linguistic and sociolinguistic perspective.

### Research Design

The study adopts a descriptive-analytical research design<sup>4</sup>. This approach is appropriate as it allows for a detailed examination of linguistic features within naturally occurring advertising discourse. In addition, elements of quantitative analysis are applied to measure the frequency of English loanwords and identify dominant patterns in their usage.

### Data Source and Sampling

The primary data for this research were collected from Instagram, which is widely used by cafés and restaurants in Uzbekistan as a marketing platform.

A total of **30 advertising posts** were selected from **10 Instagram accounts** representing cafés and restaurants located in Uzbekistan. Each account contributed **three posts**, ensuring a balanced and systematic sample.

The sampling method used in this study is **purposive sampling**, as the data were selected based on specific criteria relevant to the research objectives.

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<sup>3</sup> Baker, P. *Using Corpora in Discourse Analysis*. – London: Continuum, 2006.

<sup>4</sup> Fairclough, N. *Language and Power*. – Harlow: Pearson Education Limited, 2001.



## Selection Criteria

The posts were selected according to the following criteria:

- the account must belong to an active café or restaurant operating in Uzbekistan;
- the post must contain written advertising text (captions, slogans, or embedded text);
- the post must be promotional in nature (e.g., product advertisement, discount offer, new menu announcement);
- the post must include at least one English lexical item.

This sampling approach ensures that the data are both relevant and representative of contemporary digital advertising practices.

## Data Collection Procedure

The data collection process was carried out in several stages:

1. Identification of Accounts: Instagram accounts of cafés and restaurants were identified through search and recommendation algorithms.
2. Post Selection: From each selected account, three recent promotional posts were chosen to ensure актуаллик (zamonaviylik) of the data.
3. Data Extraction: Textual elements from each post, including captions and visible text within images, were extracted and compiled into a dataset.
4. Data Organization. All collected data were organized into a structured table, including the following categories:
  - account name
  - post content
  - English loanwords
  - context of usage

## Data Analysis Procedure

The analysis of the data was conducted in four systematic stages:

1. Identification of Loanwords. All English lexical items present in the dataset were identified. These included both single words (e.g., *fresh*, *premium*) and multi-word expressions (e.g., *special offer*, *combo meal*).



2. Functional Classification. The identified loanwords were categorized according to their communicative function in advertising discourse. The classification was based on common advertising strategies:

- **Attention function:** words that attract the viewer's attention (*fresh, new, hot*)
- **Prestige function:** words that signal quality and status (*premium, best, deluxe*)
- **Modernity function:** words associated with global trends and lifestyle (*combo, style, trendy*)

3. Frequency Analysis. Each identified loanword was counted to determine its frequency of occurrence. This allowed for identifying the most commonly used English words in advertising texts.

4. Contextual and Interpretative Analysis. The loanwords were further analyzed within their context to understand how they contribute to the overall persuasive effect of the advertisement. This stage involved interpreting the relationship between language choice and marketing strategy from a sociolinguistic perspective.

## Reliability and Validity

To ensure the reliability of the study, a consistent set of criteria was used during data selection and analysis. All posts were analyzed following the same procedure. Validity was ensured by selecting authentic advertising texts from real Instagram accounts, reflecting actual language use in digital marketing

## Limitations of the Study

Despite its systematic approach, the study has several limitations:

- the dataset is limited to 30 Instagram posts;
- only cafés and restaurants are included;
- the study focuses on textual analysis and does not examine audience interpretation or effectiveness.

These limitations suggest that future research could expand the dataset and incorporate additional analytical methods.

## Results

The analysis of 30 Instagram advertising posts from cafés and restaurants in Uzbekistan revealed a frequent use of English loanwords in promotional texts. A



total of **52 English lexical items** were identified across the dataset. Most posts contained **at least one English word**, with some including up to three loanwords in a single advertisement.

### Frequency of Common Loanwords

| Loanword | Frequency |
|----------|-----------|
| fresh    | 10        |
| special  | 9         |
| combo    | 8         |
| premium  | 7         |
| best     | 6         |
| new      | 6         |
| offer    | 6         |

The most frequently used words were *fresh*, *special*, and *combo*, indicating a preference for short and easily recognizable English terms.

### Functional Distribution of Loanwords

| Function  | Frequency |
|-----------|-----------|
| Attention | 21        |
| Prestige  | 16        |
| Modernity | 15        |

The results show that the majority of English loanwords were used to attract attention. Words such as *fresh*, *new*, and *special* were commonly used to highlight products and promotions. Prestige-related words such as *premium* and *best* were used to emphasize quality and create a positive brand image. Loanwords associated with modernity, such as *combo* and *style*, reflected global marketing trends and contemporary lifestyle.

### Distribution by Context



| Context             | Example               | Function            |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Coffee advertising  | “Fresh coffee today”  | Attention           |
| Fast food promotion | “Special combo offer” | Promotion/Modernity |
| Dessert marketing   | “Premium cake”        | Prestige            |

The findings indicate that English loanwords are consistently integrated into Instagram advertising texts. Most advertisements combine Uzbek and English elements, forming a mixed linguistic style.

## Discussion

The findings of this study demonstrate that English loanwords play a significant role in Instagram advertising of cafés and restaurants in Uzbekistan. Their frequent use indicates that advertisers deliberately incorporate English elements as part of their marketing strategy.

First, the dominance of attention-related words such as *fresh*, *new*, and *special* suggests that English is used as an effective tool for attracting consumer attention. These words are short, simple, and visually distinctive, making them suitable for fast-scrolling social media environments like Instagram.

Second, the use of prestige-related loanwords such as *premium* and *best* reflects the intention to position products as high-quality and desirable. English, in this context, functions as a marker of status and sophistication, which can positively influence consumer perception.

Third, the presence of words like *combo* and *style* indicates the influence of global marketing trends. These terms are widely recognized internationally and help create a modern and cosmopolitan image of the advertised products.

From a sociolinguistic perspective, the mixing of Uzbek and English elements in advertising texts demonstrates ongoing language contact and lexical borrowing. This



hybrid language use reflects the impact of globalization and the increasing exposure of local audiences to international media and culture.<sup>5</sup>

Overall, the results suggest that English loanwords are not used randomly but serve specific communicative functions in digital advertising. They contribute to making advertisements more attractive, persuasive, and aligned with global consumer culture.<sup>6</sup>

## Conclusion

The present study analyzed the use of English loanwords in Instagram advertising of cafés and restaurants in Uzbekistan. The findings indicate that English lexical items are consistently integrated into promotional texts to serve specific communicative functions. Primarily, English loanwords are employed to attract attention, signal prestige, and convey modernity and global trends.

The analysis demonstrates that the choice of English words is not random but strategically planned to enhance the appeal of products and services. Short, recognizable, and internationally familiar words such as *fresh*, *special*, and *premium* dominate Instagram posts, reflecting both marketing strategies and sociolinguistic phenomena related to language contact and globalization.

From a broader perspective, the use of English loanwords illustrates the influence of global marketing practices on local advertising discourse. By blending Uzbek and English, advertisers create hybrid texts that resonate with contemporary audiences and project a modern, cosmopolitan image.

In conclusion, English loanwords in Instagram advertising are an essential tool for cafés and restaurants in Uzbekistan, enabling them to attract customers effectively while aligning their brand with international standards. Future research could expand this study by including a larger sample of posts, analyzing other social media platforms, and exploring the audience's perception and response to English loanwords in advertising.

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<sup>5</sup> Holmes, J. *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*. – London: Routledge, 2013.

<sup>6</sup> Jenkins, J. *World Englishes: A Resource Book for Students*. – London: Routledge, 2006.



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