

**MUQOBIL SO‘ROQ GAPLARNING SEMANTIK-STRUKTURAVIY  
VAZIFALARINI O‘RGANISH.**

**EXPLORING THE SEMANTIC-STRUCTURAL FUNCTIONS OF  
ALTERNATIVE INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES**

**ИССЛЕДОВАНИЕ СЕМАНТИКО-СТРУКТУРНЫХ ФУНКЦИЙ  
АЛЬТЕРНАТИВНЫХ ВОПРОСИТЕЛЬНЫХ ПРЕДЛОЖЕНИЙ.**

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**Annotatsiya.** *Ushbu maqolada muqobil so‘roq gaplarning tuzilishi va ma‘no jihatdan ifodalaydigan vazifalari haqida fikr yuritilgan. Shuningdek, muqobil so‘roq gaplarning semantik va strukturaviy vazifalari xilma-xil va serqirraligi bayon etilgan.*

**Annotation.** *In this article it is described the structure and meaning of alternative interrogative sentences. In addition, the semantic and structural tasks of alternative interrogative sentences are diverse and varied.*

**Аннотация.** *В данной статье описывается структура и значение альтернативных вопросительных предложений. Также многообразны и разнообразны семантические и структурные задачи альтернативных вопросительных предложений.*

**Kalit so‘zlar:** *muqobil so‘roq gaplar, yoritib bermoq, kerakli ma‘lumot, tasdiqlashni izlash, tinglovchining afzalliklari, istiqbolli natijalar.*

**Key words:** *alternative interrogative sentences, shedding light on, the desired information, seeking confirmation, listener's preferences, potential outcomes.*

**Ключевые слова:** *альтернативные вопросительные предложения, пролить свет на, желаемая информация, поиск подтверждения, предпочтения слушателя, потенциальные результаты.*

**Introduction:** The alternative linguistic forms that a speaker chooses not to use often play a significant part in the grammaticality and felicity of an utterance in a

given context. As a result, both semantic and pragmatic theories need to provide an explicit model of alternatives and their relation to assertions. Now, alternative interrogative sentences play a crucial role in communication by allowing speakers to express uncertainty, seek information, and present options. In this article it is examined the semantic and structural functions of alternative interrogative sentences, shedding light on how they convey different meanings and serve various purposes in English language usage.

1. Seeking Information: Alternative interrogative sentences can be used to inquire and gather specific information. They present two or more options and ask the listener to choose the correct one. For example, "Did you go to the concert or stay home?" or "Are you going to the party or the movie tonight?" These questions prompt the listener to select from the given alternatives, providing the speaker with the desired information.

2. Expressing Uncertainty: Alternative interrogative sentences can express doubt or uncertainty regarding a statement. They are used when the speaker is unsure about the accuracy or validity of a claim. For instance, "Did he really win the competition, or did you hear it wrong?" or "Is she telling the truth, or is she just making it up?" These questions present two contrasting possibilities, seeking confirmation or clarification from the listener.

3. Suggesting Alternatives: Alternative interrogative sentences can be used to present options or suggestions to the listener. They offer a choice between two or more possibilities. For example, "Shall we go for Italian or Chinese food tonight?" or "Do you prefer to watch a movie or go for a walk?" These questions allow the speaker to assess the listener's preferences and make an informed decision based on the response.

4. Testing Knowledge: Alternative interrogative sentences can be used to test someone's knowledge or understanding of a subject. They present two or more options, challenging the listener to identify the correct one. For instance, "Was it World War I or World War II that started in 1914?" or "Is Paris the capital of France

or Italy?" The aim is to gauge the listener's knowledge or provoke a thoughtful response.

5. Expressing Conditional Situations: Alternative interrogative sentences can express conditional situations, presenting two or more hypothetical options. They are often used to discuss possibilities and explore potential outcomes. For example, "What would you do if you won the lottery? Would you travel or invest the money?" or "If you had a superpower, would you choose flight or invisibility?" These questions encourage the listener to imagine different scenarios and express their preferences or choices.

**Conclusion:** Alternative questions in English, as well as other interrogative sentences, can fulfil functions of direct and indirect speech acts expressing various pragmatic meanings (advice, threat, resentment, etc.). From the point of view of the form and structure, such interrogative sentences can be different in nature.

The semantic and structural functions of alternative interrogative sentences are diverse and versatile. They facilitate information gathering, express uncertainty, suggest options, test knowledge, and explore conditional situations. By using alternative interrogative sentences effectively, speakers can engage in meaningful conversations, elicit specific information, and express their intentions with clarity.

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