

## THE CONTENT, SUBJECT MATTER, AND METHOD OF THE SCIENCE OF STYLISTICS

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**Annotation:** This article provides an overview of stylistics as a linguistic discipline, focusing on its content, subject matter, and methods. It explains how stylistics analyzes the expressive features of language and their functions across different types of texts.

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Stylistics is a branch of linguistics that studies the expressive resources of language and the ways in which these resources are used to create certain effects in communication. It combines elements of both linguistics and literary criticism to analyze the style of texts—whether spoken or written.

### **Content of Stylistics**

The content of stylistics includes the study of stylistic devices, expressive means, and different functional styles of language. It aims to explain how language is used to influence readers or listeners emotionally, intellectually, or aesthetically.

Stylistics examines the form and function of words, phrases, and sentence structures in order to understand how meaning is created and shaped.

### **Subject Matter of Stylistics**

The subject matter (or object of study) of stylistics is the style of language in various types of texts. These include:

Literary texts (novels, poems, plays)

Journalistic texts (news reports, opinion articles)

Scientific texts (academic writing)

Conversational or everyday speech

Stylistics focuses on how the choice of words, sentence structure, tone, and figurative language affects the meaning and perception of a message.

### **Methods of Stylistic Analysis**

The methods used in stylistics involve linguistic analysis, comparative study, and interpretation of style. These methods include:

Descriptive Method – Describes linguistic features of a text.

Comparative Method – Compares styles across genres or authors.

Functional Method – Studies how stylistic devices serve communicative purposes.

Contextual Method – Analyzes the relationship between language and context.

Stylistics relies on tools from phonetics, lexicology, grammar, and semantics, and applies them to analyze artistic and non-artistic texts.

### **Purpose of Stylistics**

The ultimate aim of stylistics is to reveal how language works as a tool of expression and to help readers or speakers interpret the deeper meaning behind the form of a text.

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