

Importance of Siberian Turkic Dialects in General Turkish

Altai Mountains are accepted as the first region that Turks spread over the world. Today, Siberian Turkic dialects are spoken in this region. Some Turkic tribes that live here have been in this region since the known history of the Turks, and keep living as the grandchildren of the Turks that used the oldest Turkish. Some properties of the Turkic dialects that were spoken in the region have kept existing from the oldest Turkish to our day.

In Siberia, there are some widely used written languages such as Tuvan, Khakhas, Altai, and Sakha. It is still a debated issue whether there are written languages of Siberian dialects such as Şor, Tofa, Teleüt, Telengit, Dolgan and Çulım etc. However, speakers of these -and such-dialects have diminished; and some of them died off.

The most similar language to Turkish is accepted to be Mongolian. Sakha Language and Tuvan Language are the languages that have the highest quantity of Mongolian elements among the Turkic dialects. By examining the Mongolian elements in these dialects, the historical relation between Mongolian and Turkish may be resolved.

In this notice, information will be given about today and the future of Turkic dialects in Siberia, which are called North-eastern Turkic dialects. Necessities for preservation and sustention of these dialects will be emphasized.

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