

"Kolobok" versus "Johnny-cake"

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The subject of our research work is comparative analysis of Russian and English fairy tales.

The tasks are to read "Kolobok" and ⁶⁶Johnny-cake⁹⁹; to compare them; \$ to prepare the presentation of the project.

The purpose is to find common and different features in these fairy tales.











Used methods: > studying of fairy tales, > comparative methods > and analysis.

The hypothesis If you compare the Russian and English fairy tales, you can find some common features.

The Theoretical Part

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Kolobok is an old Russian round fried bread who comes to life and escapes from the home of granny and grandpa.

The fairy tale describes Kolobok's meetings with a hare, a wolf, and a bear who try to eat it, but Kolobok cunningly escapes.

Every time Kolobok sings a song, "I got away from Grandmother, I got away from Grandfather, and I will surely get away from you.".



The fox catches and eats Kolobok by praising his singing.

For the first time this fairy tale was printed in the book of Konstantin Ushinskii in 1864.

Johnny cake is a small flat cake made from cornmeal.



It is almost the same story as Kolobok except that Johnny-cake is the main hero instead of Kolobok.

Eventually, Johnny-cake came across a fierce-looking wolf. "Where are you going, Johnny-cake?" said the wolf.

"I could be going to the sun," said Johnny-cake. "But if you really want to find out, you'll have to catch me first. I've outrun an old man, an old woman, a little boy, two welldiggers, two ditch-diggers and a bear, and I can outrun you too. Come on, catch me if you can." me. You honestly think a wolf like me won't be able to catch you," said the wolf. "Well, we'll soon see about that." So the hungry wolf chased after Johnny-cake, who kept rolling so fast, that the wolf, in his heart of hearts, knew that he would never overtake him. In the end the wolf gave up and lay down at the roadside for a rest. "Who cares I wasn't hungry at all."



For the first time this fairy tale was printed in the book of **Joseph Jacobs** in 1890.

The Practical Part



| They have a lot in common: | | | |
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| | "Kolobok" | "Johnny-cake" | |
| Beginning | Жили-были | Once upon a time | |
| Structure | For example, the song of Kolobok: "Я колобок, колобок, По амбару метён, По сусечкам скребён, На сметане мешён, В печку сажён, На окошке стужён. Я от дедушки ушёл, Я от бабушки ушёл, Я от зайца ушёл, От тебя, волка, не хитро уйти." | For example, the words of Johnny-cake: "I've outrun an old man, and an old woman, and a little boy, and two well-diggers, and two ditch-diggers and a bear, and I can outrun you too-o-o!" | |
| Ending | «А лиса его – гам! – и съела». | " he snapped up the Johnny-cake in his sharp teeth in the twinkling of an eye." | |

They have some differences:

| | "Kolobok" | "Johnny-cake" |
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| Main | Жили-были старик со | Once upon a time there was an old |
| heroes | старухой а навстречу | man, and an old woman, and a |
| | ему заяц серый волк | little boyhe came to two well- |
| | медведь лиса. | diggers to two ditch-diggers to |
| | | a bear to a wolf to a fox. |
| On the | Kolobok runs from the | The heroes "ran after him, but |
| way | heroes: «И покатился | couldn't catch up with him, and |
| | колобок дальше – | soon they had to sit down by the |
| | только его и видели». | roadside to rest". |



Russian and English fairy tales are different in details, but they have a lot in common.

So we proved the hypothesis: "If you compare the Russian and English fairy tales, you can find some common features".





The world of fairy tales is open for everybody.







"Some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again", said Lewis Carol.

Fhank you

for your attentions