# The Application of Domestication and Foreignization Strategies in Translating Arabic-English Collocations in Awlad Haratina's Novel

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## **ABSTRACT**

This paper examines the translations of collocations in a literary text in light of the translation strategies used within the framework of Venuti's foreignization and domestication strategies. The study aims to examine the translation strategies that are frequently employed to translate collocations. It also attempts to find out if the translators of the TTs follow Venuti's preferred strategy of translation, foreignization. Moreover, it investigates if using these strategies resulted in any distortion of the SL message. Accordingly, a comparative quantitative analysis and an expressive interpretive examination are followed to analyze the collected data. The study reveals that foreignization is highlighted by the heavy usage of literal translation, cultural borrowing and descriptive equivalence procedures. Domesticating procedures are manifested in cultural equivalent, addition, reduction, omission and adaption. According to the nearly equal percentage of using the two strategies, the study results in finding that collocations can be translated by using the two strategies, domestication and foreignization depending on the type of the collocation. However, foreignization strategy is used as the most frequent strategy to translate collocations.

Keywords: collocations, domestication, foreignization, strategies, procedures, translation

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## INTRODUCTION

Translation strategies play a vital role in translating cultural collocations. Due to the significance of translation strategies, scholars theorized and developed different translation strategies such as those suggested by Newmark (2001), Nida (1964) and Venuti (1995). Translation is a process of transferring meaning from one language into another. *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary* (2005) defines translation as "the procedure of transferring something that is spoken or written into another language. From this definition, the translation process looks an easy process as it indicates to replace words by words. However, the difficulty of translation arises from the culture or style substitution which cannot be achieved by only replacing words. Nida (1969) states that translation as a process includes the terms of meaning and style as the goal is to reproduce the natural equivalence of the source language message to the target language.

The term collocation was first introduced by Firth, who believes that the meaning of collocation is completely lexical (Firth, 1957, p. 195). For him, the lexical meaning is one of five dimensions of meaning (phonetic, lexical, semantic, morphological and syntactic) (p. 196). Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary (2005) defines 'collocation' as "a combination of words in a language that happens very often and more frequently than would happen by chance: 'resounding success' and 'crying shame' are English collocations" (p. 293). Gledhill (2000) defines collocation as "a process by which words combine into larger chunks of expression. Some collocations involve words which seldom occur in other combinations" (p. 9).

The translator of literary works needs not only to be bilingual but also, he/she should have a deep knowledge of the different implications and impacts of the cultural elements used in a literary text. Toury (1995, p. 56) describes translation of literature as an activity which 'inevitably involves at least two languages and two cultural traditions, i.e. at least two sets of norm-systems on each level' A Collocation in a literary text is used as a way of reflecting the culture of the ST, in addition to the reflection of the language use. Such language use includes the way to express figurative meaning as in Arabic, which equivalently means an inch in English. In this regard, Kalèdaitè, & Palevičienė, (2008) argue that "differences in collocational patterning in different languages reflect the preferences of specific language communities for certain modes of expression. Some collocations are a direct reflection of the material, social, or moral environment in which they occur. This explains, for example, why bread collocates with butter in English, but not in Arabic (p. 88). Since collocations are used naturally by the speakers of any language, then they have important functions to make the text more cohesive, to clearly convey the writer's intention and to create new figurative images to the reader.

The variety of different lexical items that occur together in a literary text makes their translation challengeable as some combinations of words may have a meaning that differs from the meaning of the individual word. A literal translation of such collocation may result in meaning loss or mistranslation of collocation, for example, which is should not be translated as a part of a lever. Such literal translation destroys the meaning completely, in addition to making such translation looks odd for target readers. Thus, translators need to pay more attention to the procedures of translating collocations to avoid making the collocation look odd to the receptor readers and to make it appear as a natural impression. However, literal translation succeeds, in some cases, to render the open-ended collocations which have no intended meaning such as which was started. The meaning of such collocation can be obtained from the dictionary meaning of the collocation components.

By investigating cultural collocations in a literary work and its translation, the present study aims to apply the strategies of domestication and foreignization to the selected collocations and examining if those collocations are domesticated or foreignized in the target texts. The researchers apply Venuti's (1995) model of domestication and foreignization to investigate the procedures that are employed to domesticate or foreignize collocations. The study also aims at finding if collocations in the literary text should be domesticated or foreignized to achieve the best equivalence in the target text (TT). In other words, the objective is to shed light on collocation translation as an attempt to bridge the gap between the two languages subject of this paper i.e. Arabic and English.

# LITERATURE REVIEW

Venuti (1995) believes that the domestication strategy is a strategy that deals with culture. He divides this strategy into two main steps, first, to choose a foreign text or a cultural element of this text, and second, to find an adequate translation method to convey this cultural element into the target text. In this strategy, what is domesticated is the form and content. On the contrary, foreignization follows the same steps of the domestication strategy. However, what is foreignized is only the content, while the form is mostly domesticated.

Venuti's model is based on the different methods of translation suggested by Schleiermacher, who believes that "in translation, the translator either leaves the author in peace, as much as possible, and moves the reader towards him, or he leaves the reader in peace and moves the author towards him" (Schleiermacher, 1813, cited in Venuti, 1995, p. 19).

According to Venuti (1995) domestication is "an ethnocentric reduction of the foreign text to receive cultural values, bringing the author back home" (p.20), whereas foreignization is "an ethno deviant pressure on those values to register the linguistic and cultural differences of the foreign text, sending the reader abroad" (Venuti, 1995, p. 20). He prefers to use foreignization as a strategy of translating cultural texts due to the need to "signify the linguistic and cultural differences of the foreign text" (p. 23). Moreover, this strategy can change how translation is conceived and created since it implies the notion of human subjectivity that differs from the humanist assumptions involved in domestication (Venuti 1995 as cited in Obeidat & Abu-Melhim, 2017 p. 53).

Indeed, translating collocations from Arabic into English is not an easy task since they have their own characteristics in language use, word choice, cultural concepts, idiomatic meaning and so forth. Accordingly, when a literary text is translated into the target language certain factors should be taken into consideration. As the source text of this study is translated for the purpose of literature and transferring the source text (ST) culture into TT culture, translators have to pay more attention to the collocations in terms of word choice and cultural signs. Many translated literary texts suffer in quality due to linguistics, semantic, pragmatic or stylistic errors.

Munday (2001) defines the domestication strategy as a type of translation, where the elements of the ST foreign elements are reduced into the receiving language cultural values (p. 225). On the other extreme, foreignization is illustrated by keeping the foreign values of the source text in the translated version (Shuttelworth & Cowie, 1997, p. 59). An example of the difference between the two concepts in the two languages subjects of this study is the collocation, الطرف (Yaghudu al-Tarf) which literally means: ignoring something / someone. To domesticate this collocation into English, a translator may use the procedure of dynamic equivalence and

translate it into "turned a blind eye". Any other translation of these collocations, such as the literally on, will be the foreignization strategy, for example, lower his eyebrows.

Yang (2010) comments that "domestication and foreignization are two basic translation strategies which provide both linguistic and cultural guidance for the translator in rendering cultural-specific source texts into parallel target texts" (p. 1). Obeidat and Mahadi (2019) argue that "domestication and foreignization are two important strategies in translating cultural collocations" (p. 155). Moreover, Munday (2001) states that "domestication and foreignization answer the question of how to bridge the gulf that had grown between the writer or the source-text which is written in a language that is very culture-bound and the target- text writer" (p. 242). Thus, the debate of these two strategies is not about the linguistic form. They expand beyond the linguistic boundaries to be more concerned with cultures (Sharifabad, Yaqubi & Mahadi, 2013, p. 96).

In the most recent studies of domestication and foreignization which have been applied in translation, Obeidat and Abu-Melhim (2017) use Venuti's model to examine the translation of baby formula labels in the light of domestication and foreignization strategies. The research focuses on investigating the translation strategies that are frequently employed in the translation of baby formula labels. Findings of the study reveal that foreignization is highlighted through the heavy usage of literal translation, transliteration, borrowing and transference. On the other hand, translation strategies that belong to domestication are transposition, omission, addition and adaption.

Sharifabad, Yaqubi and Mahadi (2013) apply these strategies on the translation of news phrasal verbs. The study aims to investigate whether the translators tend to domesticate the news headlines or foreignize them. The result shows that the translators tend to apply the domestication strategy more frequently. The study finds that since cultural-specific terms and words are difficult to understand in the target language, the translators mostly tend to localize or domesticate them.

Al-Rikaby, Mahadi and Lin (2018) conduct their study to apply the domestication and foreignization strategies on translating the proper nouns and cultural-bound terms. They find that the translator favoured using foreignization strategy. They also concluded that although there is evidently a healthy inclination towards domestication, foreignization is the more pervasive method.

Translating collocations starts by recognizing them in the source language (SL) and then rendering them conveniently (Hatim & Munday, 2004, p. 249). According to Newmark (1988), the struggle of translating a collocation starts by (1) recognizing the collocation, (2) the ability of the translator to read the ST collocation as one meaningful unit, (3) finding an appropriate equivalence.

The process of finding the appropriate equivalence of the ST collocations means to launch a process of connecting appropriate nouns with verbs, verbs with nouns, adjectives with nouns and verbs with appropriate adverbial groups (Newmark, 1988, p. 213). Potentially, collocations are either lexical or grammatical. On one hand, the lexical collocations are composed of two or more content words i.e. nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. On the other hand, grammatical collocations refer to the combinations comprising a content word and a function word, which is usually a preposition (Benson, Benson & Ilson, 1997).

Translators adopt many strategies to overcome the problem of translating collocations such as simplification, reduction, synonymy and paraphrasing. Although linguists state that the translator should be faithful in translating a collocation, some linguists feel that rendering the ST

collocation into a collocation in the TT will result in a collocation which is "unnatural and obscure" (Cowan, 1989, p. 56). However, this kind of unnatural collocation in the TT is sometimes necessary. The necessity of such translation arises from the fact that the target language has no equivalence or there are no other ways to render it.

In the light of the above-mentioned studies, this study focuses on examining the translations of collocations used in a literary text in the light of translation strategies used within the framework of Venuti's model of domestication and foreignization. It also aims to investigate the translation procedures that frequently adapted in the translation of these collocations. Accordingly, it is basic for translators to be familiar with the different procedures when translating collocations. Based on this, this study attempts to answer the following questions:

- 1- What is the most frequent strategy that has been employed by the English translators to translate collocations in this literary text?
- 2- What are the procedures used by translators to domesticate or foreignise collocations?

# METHOD OF THE STUDY

#### **TEXTS**

The data which are used in this study consist of the collocations mentioned in the Arabic Novel "וֹפַעֵּר בּׁעְרֵיבׁ" based on Venuti's Model of Domestication and foreignization and its English translations by Philip Stewart (1981) and Peter Theroux (1988). "أو لاد حاريّتا" (Awlad Haratina) is a famous novel written by the famous Egyptian writer Naguib Mahfooz. This Novel was first published in Arabic in 1959 in a serialized form by the daily newspaper Al-Ahram. The first printed book of this novel was in Lebanon in 1967. The first translation "Children of Gebelawi" was done by Philip Stewart in 1981 and was published for the first time in 1981 by Heinemann Educational Book (London). It is still in printing up to this date in a book form which consists of 355 pages. Stewart is a British translator, who studied Arabic literature. This novel was his first book of translation in 1981. The Second Translation "Children of the Alley was done by Peter Theroux in 1988 after Stewart refused to sell his copyright of the translated novel. The first published version was done in the United States in 1988 by Anchor Books, it was printed in a book form which consists of 448 pages. Theroux is an American translator, who studied the Arabic Language in Egypt for one year. After that, he became interested in translating Arabic literature. He translated many novels for Egyptian, Iraqi and Lebanese writers.

#### **PROCEDURES**

The methodology of this study is an expressive interpretive examination of the ST and TTs collocations. A comparative quantitative analysis was conducted to examine the corpora of the study. The chosen collocations relate to different types of collocation: restricted, bound, idiomatic and open collocations as suggested by Emery (1991). The system of this study begins with the identification of all the collocations mentioned in the ST manually by reading the ST and highlighting its collocations. The method of choosing collocation is conducted based on the co-occurrence of words and phrases such as verb+ noun, noun + noun, noun + adjective, etc. The found collocations are examined if they exist as collocations by using *Arabicorpus* website

which provides a series of collocating words to a certain word. The TTs are read to identify the English equivalent collocations. The found collocations are counted manually, then they are examined based on the procedure that is used in the translation. The number of frequent occurrences of each procedure is taken into consideration to assess the percentage of the usage of each procedure. The translations of these collocations are compared to their equivalents in the ST to point out the translation strategies involved in the translation process. Accordingly, the translation procedures that were employed are categorized in terms of foreignization and domestication strategies which consist of the theoretical framework of the study.

## **FINDINGS**

The detailed analysis of Arabic collocations and their English translations shows that the translators employed eight translation procedures in the translation of the identified samples. The domestication strategy contains the procedures of cultural equivalence, addition, reduction, omission and adaption. On the other hand, foreignization strategy contains literal translation, cultural borrowing and descriptive equivalence. The categorizing of those procedures as domestication or foreignization procedures refers to the fact if the translated collocation exists in the TL as a collocation or not, if the translated collocation reflects the ST culture or the TT culture and if the translated collocation convey the meaning equivalently. The aforementioned procedures are classified under foreignization and domestication strategies as shown in the following table:

Table 1 Frequency of Domestication and Foreignization Procedures

Foreignization	Frequency	%	Domestication	Frequency	%
Literal translation	320	87	Cultural equivalent	95	36
Cultural borrowing	9	2	Addition	42	15
Descriptive equivalence	36	11	Reduction	60	23
_			Omission	15	6
			Adaption	50	20
Total:	365	100		262	10 0

As shown in the table (1) above, all the used procedures are studied based on their frequent occurrence. The strategies of domestication and foreignization are adopted 627 times in the examined collocations. Nevertheless, foreignization strategy is more frequently used and consists of the dominant strategy that occurs 365 times (58%). On the other hand, domestication strategy is the least used strategy that accounts 262 frequencies on (42%) out of the total number of the translated collocations. The higher percentage of using foreignization strategy refers to the high usage of literal translation to translate different types of collocations. The following table shows

the total number of occurrences of the domestication and foreignization strategies and their percentages:

Table 2
Overall Frequency of Domestication and Foreignization Strategies

Translation Strategy:	Number of occurrences:	Percentage:
Domestication	262	42%
Foreignization	365	58%
Total:	627	100

As aforementioned, the corpus of this study consists of two English translations. Every translator has his own strategies for translating collocations. The two translators share the feature of applying the domestication and foreignization by employing the aforementioned eight procedures. The following tables show the percentage of each procedure used by each translator:

Table 3

Domestication procedures employed by the two translators

Procedure:	1st transl	ation	2nd translation		Total Freq:	(%)
	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Cultural equivalent	35	34%	60	38%	95	36%
Addition	19	18%	23	15%	42	15%
Reduction	28	28%	32	20%	60	23%
Omission	5	4%	10	6%	15	6%
Adaption	17	16%	33	21%	50	20%
Total:	104	100%	158	100%	262	100%

Table 4
Foreignization Procedures employed by the two translators

Procedure:	1st transl	ation	2nd transl	ation	Total Freq:	(%)
	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Literal translation	215	91%	105	81%	320	87%
Cultural borrowing	4	2%	5	4%	9	2%
Descriptive equivalence	17	7%	19	15	36	11%
Total:	236	100%	129	100%	365	100%

The tables (3 & 4) show that the two translators have different percentages in applying the translation procedures. In terms of domestication strategy, the first translator relied more on the cultural equivalent 35 times or (34%), while the second translator used it 60 times or (36%). The table indicates that the two translators were almost equal in employing the same procedure to achieve an adequate translation. The figures of foreignization procedures show that the first translator uses literal translation more frequently as a preferred procedure to translate collocations. He uses it 215 times out of 236 (91%), while the second translator applies it 105 times out of 129 (81%). The high percentage of using literal translation indicates how translating colocation is a challenging task. Translators apply literal translation procedure due to the different linguistic, semantic and lexical features of the ST and TT.

Based on the mentioned figures and analysis, it seems that the two strategies attract the attention of the translators of the mentioned collocations. However, Venuti's preferred strategy, foreignization, seems to be the frequently used procedure in translating the largest number of the types of collocations understudy: open, restricted, bound and idiomatic. The analysis also shows that translators applied eight procedures to translate collocations namely: cultural equivalent, addition, reduction, omission and adaption, literal translation, cultural borrowing and descriptive equivalence. A brief account of these procedures is discussed by examples in the following section.

## **DISCUSSION**

#### DOMESTICATION PROCEDURES

# CULTURAL EQUIVALENCE

Cultural equivalence "involves replacing a culture-specific item or expression ... with a target language item which describes a similar concept in the target culture and thus is likely to have a similar impact on the target readers" (Paluszkiewicz-Misiaczek, 2005, p. 244). It is a functional procedure in translating literary texts since it "preserve the realistic perspective of the literary texts". (O'Donoghue, 2005, p. 13). The following examples illustrate how translators employed this procedure to fill the gap between the ST and TT.

Table 6
Examples of same translations of cultural equivalent procedure

ST Collocations:	1 <sup>st</sup> TT Collocation	Back Translation	2 <sup>nd</sup> TT Collocation	Back Translation
وحد الله	For God's sake	حبا في الله	For God's sake	حبا في الله
يسفك الدماء	Shed any blood	يسفم الدماء	Shed any blood	يسفك الدماء
صميم القلب	Bottom of heart	صميم القلب	Bottom of heart	صميم القلب
سواء السبيل	Right path	السبيل الصحيح	Right path	السبيل الصحيح
ارتكب جريمة	Commit a crime	یر تکب دریمة	Commit a crime	يرتكب جريمة
الفراخ المحمرة	Roast chicken	الدجاج المحمر	Roast chicken	الدجاج المحمر

Tables (6) shows how both translators employ the same translation procedure for the selected collocations. This indicates how a culture equivalent of the ST collocations exists in the TT. Cultural equivalence plays an essential role when the two cultures share the same collocation. Furthermore, the two translators have different equivalents to other selected collocations; however, translators still use the culture equivalent procedure as shown in the following table:

Table 7
Examples of different translations of cultural equivalent procedure

ST Collocations:	1 <sup>st</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation	2 <sup>nd</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation
دنيا الفتونة	The world of men	عالم الرجال	The world of chiefs	عالم الرؤساء
غر اب بین	Cawing crow	غراب ينعق	Owl amongst ravens	كالبومة بين الغربان
أب جبار	Tyrant father	الاب الجبار	Terrible father	الاب الفضيع
أحنة الله	God's damn	أعنة الله	God's curses	لعنة الله

#### ADDITION

Newmark (1988) states that addition is used when a translator adds information to elaborate on the meaning in context. Usually, a translator uses this procedure to convey a meaning of a cultural word, technical word or a linguistic problem. The added information may appear in various forms in a text. A translator may add this information within the text, notes at bottom of page, notes at end of chapter, notes or glossary at the end of the book. In the case of literary texts, translators avoid footnotes or glossaries and add the needed information directly to the text. ST collocations, which have no equivalence in TT, are translated by adding information in translation.

Although ST collocations should be translated into collocations in the TT, addition is an effective procedure which can give the reader more elaboration about the text. The following table will explain how translators use addition in translating ST collocations:

Table 8
Examples of Addition procedure

ST Collocations:	1 <sup>st</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation	2 <sup>nd</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation
الطواف ببيته	Stroll around the tall mansion	يلتف حول القصر الطويل	Walk around the big house	يمشي حول البيت الكبير
يبر ح مكانه	Without leaving his place	دون ان يتحرك من مكانه	Without moving from the spot	دون ان يتحرك من بقعته
يهضم الحقوق	Rights that cannot be put aside	الحقوق التي لا يمكن تجنبها	Rights that cannot be set aside	الحقوق التي لا يمكن تجنبها

يتحمل الألم	Live patiently with pain	Bear the fate in silence يحيا متحملا الالم	يتقبل القدر بصمت

The given examples illustrate how translators find it challenging o translate ST collocations into TT collocations. The two translators used this procedure by adding other words to convey the collocational meaning equivalently. For example, الطواف بييته, is translated as stroll around the tall mansion. The translator uses two words to translate يبطوف, and uses two words to describe the word بيت On the other hand, the words tall or big are not mentioned in the ST collocations. The translators add those adjectives to refer to the house mentioned in the ST.

#### REDUCTION

Reduction is the omission of information considered to be unnecessary or unlikely to make sense to the target language reader. It is in line with Newmark (1988, p. 90) in which reduction is used to make simplicity in creating meaning. A translator has the chance in translating a collocation by one word as the main goal is the meaning. The following table shows how the meaning of the ST collocation was conveyed by a single word in the TT:

Table 9 Examples of Reduction procedure

ST Collocations:	1 <sup>st</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation	2 <sup>nd</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation
ضاق حالا	Depressed	مكتئب	Wronged	مظلوم
ناء بظلم	Suffering	يعاني	Injured	مجروح
قطاع الطريق	Lawlessness	خارجين عن القانون	Banditry	قطع الطريق
الأرض الواسعة	The world	العالم	The world	العالم
هام على وجهه	Wandered	هائم	Wandered	هائم
يهدي السبيل	Guide	يرشد	Lead	يقود
ولى هاربا	Ran	یر کض	fled	يهرب

Since meaning is an essential part of the translation process; collocational meaning can't be always conveyed by a collocation in the TT. Baker (1992) assumes that "meaning cannot always account for collocational pattering" (p. 52). Accordingly, translators opt to convey the meaning by reducing the ST collocation as shown in the given examples. The target texts are just words and not collocations, however, they still convey the meaning as expressed in the ST.

#### OMISSION

This procedure is the least used in this study. It constitutes only (6%) of the selected samples. Omission is a procedure where translators delete a word or words from the ST when translating into TT. Usually, it is a procedure to deal with vulgar words or phrases that have no equivalences in the TT. It is estimated to be "Strongly Domesticating; because no trace of the original is left in the TT" (Van Poucke, 2012, p. 147. In the case of collocation, deleting a word is reduction, but omission refers to delete the whole collocations as shown in the following table:

Table 10 Examples of Omission procedure

ST Collocations:	1 <sup>st</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation	2 <sup>nd</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation
صك الأسماع	Omitted		Omitted	
يقيك الشر	Deliver from devil	يسلم من الشيطان	Omitted	
تمزق القلب	Tearing at my heart	يمزق قلبي	Omitted	

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وجها عبوسا	More darkly	On اكثر عتمة	nitted	
انعقدت الألسن	Speechless	On بلا کلام	nitted	
الرجل الفظ	Omitted	Da	mned old monster	الرجل الملعون

#### ADAPTION

This procedure is the last one under the domestication procedures. It refers to the "freest form of translation" (Newmark, 1988, p. 46). Bastin (1988) defines adaption procedure as a kind of oblique translation "which can be used whenever the context referred to in the original text does not exist in the culture of target language" (p. 6). Hence, adaption is a re-creation of the ST collocation features to meet the need of the text function and the recipients' culture. Since adaption violates the faithfulness of translation and ignores the ST form or linguistic features, then it is extremely a domestication procedure. The following table shows how collocations in the ST can be translated according to this procedure:

Table 11 Examples of Adaption Procedure

ST Collocations:	1 <sup>st</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation	2 <sup>nd</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation
ولد النزاع	The dispute started	بدأ النزاع	Raging the conflict	احتدم الصراع
اشجن قلبي	Broken heart	قلب مكسور	Heart breaking	قلب منكسر
وقفوا بين يديه	Stood before	يقف امام	Stood in front	يقف امام
غضوا الابصار	Cast the eyes down	يخفض عينيه	Looked down	ينظر للاسفل
النفس النشوي	Delighted self	النفس المبتهجة	Delighted man	رجل مبتيهج
دوت الزغاريد	Trilled with joy	تز غرد بفرح	Women youyous	النساء

By examining the above-mentioned examples of adaption procedure, it was found that this procedure is used especially for cultural purposes. It is employed to attract the recipients' attention by substituting a cultural collocation by a commonly used sentence or phrase in the TL. Normally, translators use such procedure to avoid literal translation which may result in mistranslation or which may result in causing confusing the TT collocation.

## FOREIGNIZATION PROCEDURES

#### LITERAL TRANSLATION

The use of literal translation is effective in translating some collocations, but it fails to render others. It is one of the most essential procedures of foreignization where the "denotative meaning of words is taken as if it straight from the dictionary, but the grammar is respected" (Dickins, Hervey & Higgins, 2016, p. 16). Wang (2014) argues that there is a relation between the literal translation and foreignization strategy as the emphasis is on the linguistic and stylistic features of the original text. As early mentioned, literal translation may work as an effective procedure in translating open-ended collocations. On the other hand, the usage of this procedure may result in mistranslation or loss of meaning. Newmark (1988) assumes that using literal translation can be avoided "only when its use makes the translation referentially and pragmatically inaccurate, when it's unnatural, when it will not work" (p. 31).

As shown in table 1, literal translation proves to be a heavily used procedure in translating different types of collocations. Table 4 also shows how it is the most frequently used procedure by the two translators. Table (12) shows how literal translation fails in providing an accurate

translation in some type of collocation. However, in this study, literal translation is found as an adequate procedure to translate collocations. Table (13) shows some examples of how using this procedure may result in an adequate and accurate translation. The quality of translation, of course, can be accessed based on different criteria as those suggested by House (1997).

Table 12 Examples of inaccurate translation by using literal translation:

ST Collocations:	1 <sup>st</sup> TT Collocation	Back Translation	2 <sup>nd</sup> TT	Back Translation:
			Collocation	
يحدج بنظرة	Held with long gaze	ينظر اليه مطولا	Gave a long gaze	يعطيه نظرة طويلة
مسبلة الجفنين	Cast down the eyes	يلقي بنظره ارضا	Dropped eyelids	مسبلة الجفنين
محرم على	Not allowed	غير مسموح	Not allowed	غير مسموح
صكت أذنها	Rank out the ears	تؤذي اذنيها	Splitting ears	تفصل اذنيها

Table 13
Examples of accurate translation by using literal translation

ST Collocations:	1 <sup>st</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation:	2 <sup>nd</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation:
عينين نافذتين	Piercing eyes	عينين ثاقبتين	Piercing eyes	عينين ثاقبتين
يقرأ ما في النفس	Read the minds	يقرأ عقولهم	Read their thoughts	يقرأ افكالر هم
يزدرد ريقه	Dry mouth	فم جاف	Swallowed hard	يبتلع بصعوبة
ترمقه العيون	Under the eyes	تحت العيون	Followed by pairs of eyes	متبوع بالعيون
اغرورقت عيناه	Eyes brimming with tears	عيون مليئة بالدموع	Eyes swam with tears	عيون تسبح بالدموع
يدركني الموت	Death claims me	يدعوني الموت	Before I die	قبل ان اموت

The two tables provide examples of how literal translation is used as an effective procedure in some situations and how it could result in a loss meaning in others. However, this study concludes that literal translation is an essential procedure in translating collocations, and it sounds ideal since other strategies may not reflect the intended message simply and naturally as it is.

#### **CULTURAL BORROWING**

Cultural borrowing is a technique of translation where a word is taken directly from the SL to be a word in the TL (Molina & Albir, 2002: 520). In the case of cultural borrowing, words are taken from the SL and translated using the words in the TL indicating things or event, which is not the same but occurs in the TL ((Molina & Albir, 2002: 521). In borrowing, what is foreignized is the word itself, but the form and spelling are made to fit the target language which results in domesticating the form such as *Silk Galabiyas*. The foreign word *Galabiya* is borrowed from the SL and it is turned to be a plural noun by adding "s". Such example indicates how the word is domesticated in the form to fit the TL syntactic system.

In the case of collocations, the following examples show how translators borrow a word from the SL and choose an accompanying word in the TT to fit the borrowed word.

Table 14
Examples of Cultural Borrowing Procedure

ST Collocations:	1 <sup>st</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation:	2 <sup>nd</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation:
جلاليب حريرية	Silk galabiyas	جلابيات حريرية	Silk smocks	
دوت الزغاريد	Trilled with joy		Women youyous	النساء يويو
يخرطملوخية	Chopping moloukhia	تقطع المولحية	Chopping jute leaves	
يقطع الحشيش	Cut the hashish	يقطع الحشيش	Cut up hashish	يقطع الحشيش
قرقرة الجوزة	Gurgle of Goza	<u>قرقرة الجوزة</u>	Gurgle of the pipe	_
انغام الربابة	Music of the fiddle		Melody of rababah	انغام الربابة
حشاش قارح	Addicted		Real hashish addicted	مدمنحشيش حقيقي
النقاب الأبيض	White veil		White niqab	نقاب ابيض

The table shows how translators use cultural borrowing in their translation in nine (9) occurrences. The translation still has the feature of collocations by choosing an appropriate word to accompany the borrowed word as in *Gurgle of Goza*. This collocation is half borrowed as the first word is domesticated as an English word, while the second is a borrowed word which means the pipe.

#### DESCRIPTIVE EQUIVALENCE

Newmark (1988) describes descriptive equivalence as a translation procedure to describe the meaning of the source language word/words. Mostly, this procedure is used when the source word or expression is closely related to the distinctive SL culture and the use of cultural equivalents will not provide the needed accuracy in the TT. The following table will show how translators use this particular procedure in their translation of collocations:

Table 15
Examples of Descriptive Equivalence Procedure

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ST Collocations:	1 <sup>st</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation:	2 <sup>nd</sup> TT Collocation	Back translation
أم الدنيا	The most important place	<u>اهم مكان في العالم</u>	The mother of world	
دخول الكتّاب	Knowing how to write	يعرف كيف يكتب	Going to school	يذهب الى المدرسة
فلذة كبد	Closest people to	اقرب الناس اليه	The loved ones	احب الناس
بواب البيت	Gatekeeper of the	حارس بوابو القصر	The gatekeeper of the	حارس بوابة البيت الكبير
	mansion		great house	
سبحة طويلة	Long loop worry beads	حلقة طويلة من الخرز	Long rosary	سبحة طويلة
النزع الأخير	Life was finally at end	الحياة كانت في النهاية	Final break of life	اخر جزء من الحياة

The table shows how translators use deceptive equivalence to translate cultural collocations which are well known in the SL. The two translators used different words to describe these collocations to give the recipients a close image of this collocation. The collocation. The collocation is a famous one in the Arabic culture which refers to Egypt as the mother of the world. The first translator tried to describe this collocation by describing Egypt as the *most important place in the world*. The second translator uses literal translation procedure which makes this translation looks odd to the readers in the TT, *the mother of world*, especially that such collocation is not known to them.

## **CONCLUSION**

In order to have a reliable assessment of translating collocations in the light of domestication and foreignization. This study examines different types of collocations that are found in the text. The study reveals that the two translators employed the two strategies, domestication and foreignization, in an attempt to achieve an accurate translation. The discussion shows that the two strategies have a vital impact on the translation itself. Domestication makes the translation more natural for the TL readers, while foreignization plays the role of bringing the ST culture into the TL culture. The study also finds that the two translators employed eight translation procedures: cultural equivalent, addition, reduction, omission and adaption, literal translation, cultural borrowing and descriptive equivalence. Under foreignization strategy, three translation procedures are employed: literal translation, cultural borrowing and descriptive equivalence. Literal translation is the most frequent procedure that has been employed by the translators. On the other hand, foreignization strategy is the most frequent strategy that has been employed by the translators.

This paper discusses the translation of Arabic collocations into English and outlined how a collocation is domesticated or foreignized. The study limits itself to examine the collocations that are found in the corpora of the study. The researcher recommends studying the collocations that have cultural signs and aspects to achieve a better understanding of the notion of collocations in Arabic.

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