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My Mother*

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ABSTRACT

This study analyzed the language used in the news stories from the view point of the structure, vocabulary, tense and aspect.

The main objectives of the study were to find out the characteristic features of the language used in news stories in terms of sentence construction, voice, tense aspect and word classes. The study also compared the characteristic features among the four newspapers. For this purpose, the researcher collected samples of news stories from four different newspapers namely The Times, The Hindustan Times, The Kathmandu Post and The Himalayan Times published from the UK, India and Nepal respectively. The collected stories included 200 sample structures.

Among the major findings in structures, finite constructions were found to have been used the highest among all the constructions. Imperative constructions were not found to have been used in the news stories. Regarding vocabulary, major words were more frequent than the minor words. Regarding tense, past tense had high frequency of use in the single element news stories. So far as aspects were concerned, the simple past was found to have been used in all, the headline, the lead and the body. However, the simple present has mainly used in the headline.

The thesis is divided into four chapters. The first chapter is introductory and consists of general background, review of the related literature, objectives and significance of the study. The second chapter deals with the methodology adopted for the study. The third chapter presents the analysis and interpretation of the data. A descriptive approach has been used for this purpose. The fourth chapter deals with the findings and recommendations.

The references and appendices have been included in the last part of the thesis.

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ABBREVIATIONS

A	:	Adverbial
Aux.	:	Auxiliary
BO	:	Benefactive Object
Det	:	Determiner
DO	:	Direct Object
FC	:	Finite Construction
H	:	Head
IO	:	Indirect Object
NFC	:	Non Finite Construction
NP	:	Noun Phrase
OA	:	Object Attribute
P	:	Predicate
PC	:	Predicator Complement
Post M	:	Post Modifier
Pre M	:	Pre modifier
Pre Phr	:	Prepositional Phrase
SA	:	Subject Attribute
SU	:	Subject
THT	:	The Himalayan Times
THT	:	The Hindustan Times
TKT	:	The Kathmandu Post
TT	:	The Times
VP	:	Verb Phrase