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#### **ABSTRACT**

The present research study entitled Classroom Activities Used and Challenges Faced by Grade X English Teachers in Teaching Speaking Skill aimed to explore the grade X English teachers' classroom activities and the challenges they face in teaching speaking skill. To meet the objectives of this research study, I purposively selected 20 grade X English teachers from 20 secondary schools of Palpa district using purposive non-random sampling procedure. Questionnaire and classroom observation checklist were used to collect the data for this study. The findings of the study showed that group discussion, debate, telling stories and giving speech, group and pair work and telling story or talking about famous people in English were the common classroom activities used by grade X English teachers while teaching speaking skill. Similarly, students' poor grammar, pronunciation and hesitation were the main challenges for the grade X English teachers to address while teaching speaking skill.

This thesis is organized into five chapters. The first chapter deals with the background of the study, statement of the problem, objectives of the study, research questions, significance of the study, delimitations of the study and operational definitions of the key terms. The second chapter includes review of related theoretical literature, review of related empirical literature, implications of the review for the study and conceptual framework. Similarly, the third chapter includes all the areas of methodology. Likewise, the fourth chapter presents the analysis and interpretation of results and the fifth chapter includes conclusions and recommendations at three different areas (policy related, practice related and further research related). Finally, references and appendices are presented.

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#### LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CUP - Cambridge University Press

Dr. - Doctor

e. g. - For example

EFL - English as a Foreign Language

ELT - English Language Teaching

etc. - Et cetera

i.e. - That is

Prof. - Professor

M.Ed. - Masters of Education

No. - Number

OUP - Oxford University Press

Regd. No. - Registration Number

S.N. - Serial Number

T.U. - Tribhuvan University

Viz. - Namely