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ABSTRACT

The present study entitled **Spelling Errors Committed by the Student of Grade Ten of the Community School** is an attempt to explore the types and reasons of the spelling errors of the student of grade ten and to suggest some pedagogical implications. As it is a mixed research (quantitative and qualitative), the researcher selected 40 students following non-random judgmental sampling procedures from Kathmandu district. The researcher used a questionnaire consisting open-ended and close-ended questions to carry out this research. From this study, it was found that there are several types of spelling errors committed by the students of grade 10 and students have been facing several issues, challenges and they have different perceptions including relevancy, practicality and applicability while learning English spellings in writing.

The present study consists of five chapters and other sub chapters. The first chapter has 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. Similarly, reviews of theoretical, review of empirical literature, implications of review for the study and conceptual framework are included under the second chapter. In the same way, methods and procedures of the study, design and method of the study, population, sample and sampling procedures, study area/ field, data collection tools, data collection procedure and ethical considerations are under the third chapter. The fourth chapter deals with the analysis and interpretation of results and summary/discussion of findings. The fifth chapter deals with conclusions and recommendations consisting of three areas; policy related, practice related and further research related followed by references and appendices.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS, ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CA : Contrastive Analysis

CDC : Curriculum Development Centre

EA : Error Analysis

e.g. : example

EFL : English as a Foreign Language

ELT : English Language Teaching

etc. : etcetera

FoE : Faculty of Education

i.e. : That is/ that is to say

L1 : First language

L2 : Second language

MoE : Ministry of Education

NELTA: Nepal English Language Teachers' Association

pp. : Pages

Prof. : Professor

SLA : Second Language Acquisition

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