

ERROR ANALYSIS IN COMPOSITION WRITING BY TENTH GRADERS

**A Thesis Submitted to the Department of English Education
In Partial Fulfillment for the Master of Education in English**

**Submitted by
Yamuna Kumari Puri**

**Faculty of Education
Tribhuvan University
Janta Multiple Campus
Itahari, Sunsari
2019/2075**

**ERROR ANALYSIS IN COMPOSITION WRITING BY TENTH
GRADERS**

**A Thesis Submitted to the Department of English Education
In Partial Fulfillment for the Master of Education in English**

Submitted by

Yamuna Kumari Puri

Faculty of Education

Tribhuvan University

Janta Multiple Campus

Itahari, Sunsari

2019/2075

T.U. Regd. No. 9-2-218-266-2008

Date of Approval of Thesis

Second Year Examination

Proposal: 2075/08/05 (2018/ 11/ 21)

Exam Roll No – 2180024

Date of Submission of the

Campus Roll No: 125 (2068/2069)

Thesis: 2075-12-04 (2019-03-18)

Date of Viva: 2075/12/23 (2019-04-07)



Tribhuvan University

{025 - 58006

58130

anta Multiple Campus

Itahari, Sunsari

Estd: 2045

(Science, Management, Humanities & Education)

Ref:

Date : 2075/12/15

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that **Yamuna Kumari Puri** has completed this thesis entitled **Error Analysis in Composition Writing** under my guidance and supervision.

I recommend the thesis for acceptance and evaluation.

Date: **29th March 2019**

Tirtha Raj Acharya (Supervisor)

Lecturer

Department of English Education



Tribhuvan University

{025 - 58006

58130

anta Multiple Campus

Itahari, Sunsari

Estd: 2045

(Science, Management, Humanities & Education)

Ref:

Date: 2075/12/15

RECOMMENDATION FOR EVALUATION

The thesis entitled **Error Analysis in Composition Writing by Tenth Graders** by **Yamuna Kumari Puri** has been recommended for evaluation by the following Research Guidance Committee.

Mr. Kamal Raj Dahal

Associate Prof. and Head

Chairperson

Department of English Education

Mr. Tirtha Raj Acharya (Supervisor)

Lecturer

Member

Department of English Education

Mr. Chetnath Niraula

Asst. Lecturer

Member

Department of English Education

Date: **29th March 2019**

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge this thesis is originally no part of it was earlier submitted for the candidate of research degree to any university.

Date: -2075/12/15 (2019/03/29)

Yamuna Kumari Puri

ABSTRACT

The research entitled **Error Analysis in Composition Writing by Tenth Graders** is an attempt to identify and describe the grammatical errors. The research also aimed to classify the errors in terms of grammatical and semantic aspects of linguistic area and to put the pedagogical implications. In order to accomplish the objectives of the study, both primary and secondary sources of data have been used. The sample size of the study consists of 50 students selected through simple random sampling procedure. To carry out the research, essay type test item in SEE model was administered as a tool in each five school of Dharan sub-metropolitan city. The research was carried out under the survey design. The collected data have been analyzed, interpreted and presented descriptively as well as with the help of tables. From the study, it was found that grammar error found to be the most problematic area for secondary language learners while writing essays. In comparison, semantic errors were found to be quite less than the grammatical error. From the study it was found that article, preposition, s-v agreement and punctuations errors are the common errors in writing free composition (Essay). Among them S-V agreement was the most problematic for the second language learners. From the semantic analysis, in terms of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverb, it was found that most of the semantic errors occurred due to wrong selection of adjective.

The thesis consists of five chapters, chapter one deals with general background of error analysis, history, stages, lapses, mistakes and errors, and uses of EA, statement of the

problem, Rational of the study, objectives of the study, Research questions, significance of the study and delimitation of the study. Chapter two is review of the related literature which

consists of theoretical, empirical and conceptual framework. Chapter three related to methods and procedure of the study which encompasses study designing, sources of data, data collection tools, sample of population, sampling procedure and data collection procedures. Chapter four deals with results and discussion of the data. Chapter five presents summary, conclusion and implications with further recommendations.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page No.
Declaration	i
Recommendation for Acceptance	ii
Recommendation for Evaluation	iii
Evaluation and Approval	iv
Acknowledgements	v
Abstract	vi
Dedication	viii
Table of Contents	ix
List of Tables	xii
List of Abbreviation	xiii
CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION	1-16
1.1 General Background of Error Analysis	1
1.1.1 History of Error Analysis	3
1.1.2 Lapses, Mistakes and Errors	4

1.1.3	Stages of Error Analysis	4
1.1.4	The Uses of Error Analysis	11
1.2	Statement of the Problem	12
1.3	Rationale of the Study	13
1.4	Objectives of the Study	13
1.5	Research Questions	14
1.6	Significance of the Study	14
1.7	Delimitation of the Study	15

CHAPTER TWO: REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE AND

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK 17-29

2.1	Review of Theoretical Literature	17
2.2	Review of Empirical Literature	26
2.3	Implication of the Reviewed Literature	28
2.4	Conceptual Framework	29

CHAPTER THREE: METHODS AND PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY 30-32

3.1	Design of the study	30
3.2	Sources of Data	30
3.2.1	Primary Sources of Data	30
3.2.2	Secondary Sources of Data	31
3.3	Population Sampling	31
3.4	Tools for Data Collection	31
3.5	Sampling Procedure	31
3.6	Data Collection Procedure	31

CHAPTER FOUR: RESULTS AND DISCUSSION 33-50

4.1	Results	33
4.2	Discussion	34

4.2.1 Holistic Analysis of Grammatical Errors	35
4.2.1.1 School Wise Analysis in Articles	35
4.2.1.2 Item Wise Analysis in Articles	37
4.2.1.3 Type wise Error in Articles	39
4.2.1.4 School wise Analysis in Preposition	41
4.2.1.5 School wise Analysis of Errors in S-V Agreement	43
4.2.1.6 School wise Distribution of Errors in Punctuation	44
4.2.1.7 School Wise Analysis of Semantic Errors	46
4.2.3 Classification of Errors in terms of Grammatical and Semantic Errors	48
4.2.4 Individual Item Analysis	49
CHAPTER FIVE: SUMMARY CONCLUSION AND IMPLICATION	50-59
5.1 Summary	50
5.2 Conclusion	51
5.2 Recommendations	52
REFERENCES	
Appendix- A	
Appendix-B	

List of Tables

List of Tables	Page No
Table 1 School wise Analysis of Grammatical Errors	35
Table 2 Item wise Analysis in Articles	38
Table 3 Type wise Error Analysis in Articles	39
Table 4: School wise Analysis of Errors in Preposition	41
Table 5: School wise Analysis of Errors in S-V Agreement	43
Table 6: School wise Distribution of Errors in Punctuation	44
Table 7: School wise Analysis of Semantic Errors	46

List of Abbreviations

CUP	Cambridge University Press
EA	Error Analysis
EFL	English as Foreign Language
ELT	English Language Teaching
ERHS	Eureka Residential High School
Et.al	and other people
Etc	Etcetera
FM	Full Marks
M.Ed	Master in Education
L1	First language
L2	Second language
Lg	Language
NPS	Nepal Police School
No	Number
OUP	Oxford University Press
P	Page
Pct	Percentage
SLHS	Shree Laboratory High School
SPHS	Shree Public High School
SSBNSS	Shree Sharada Balika Namuna Secondary School
Sub	Subject
S-V	Subject – Verb
Viz	Namely
TU	Tribhuvan University