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ABSTRACT

This study entitled “**Techniques Used By the English Teachers in Teaching Reading** ” attempted to find out the techniques used by the teachers while teaching reading at lower secondary level in Morang district. Ten English teachers were selected by using non-random sampling procedure. Similarly observation checklist and survey opinionnaires were used as the research tools. To fulfill the purpose of my study, I observed forty different classes, four classes of each teacher while teaching reading at lower secondary level. The findings of this study show that majority of teachers were conducting sensitizing and scanning techniques, however, they were not sufficient. Most of the classes were found being dominated by the teachers’ activities and there was a practice of lecture method. Teachers themselves read the reading passage and they explained its essence. In less than, twenty percent classes, students were involved in reading the text. I found that teachers themselves read the text loudly than explained in detail. Only around twenty percent teachers tried to behave as facilitator for their students. Except in summarizing the text, more than fifty five percent teachers were poor in post reading activities.

The study consists four chapters. Chapter one deals with introduction and it consist of reading as receptive and productive skills, approaches to reading stages in teaching reading, reader knowledge, skills and strategies and teaching techniques. Similarly, chapter two explains the methodology which consists of processes of data collection, sample population and sampling procedure along with its tools and limitations of the study. Chapter three includes analysis and interpretation of data. It deals with different classroom techniques that are related and practiced to teaching reading skill. Chapter four consists of findings and recommendation made in the light of findings.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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| Dec. | December |
| Dr. | Doctor |
| e.g. | Example gratia(for example) |
| ELT | English language Teaching |
| et al. | and others |
| etc. | Et cetera |
| i.e. | Id est (that is) |
| M.Ed. | Masters in Education |
| No. | Number |
| NELTA | Nepal English Language Teachers' association |
| OUP | Oxford University press |
| p. | page |
| per. | Percentage |
| prof. | professor |
| TU | Tribhuvan University |
| UK | United Kingdom |
| Vol. | Volume |