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ABSTRACT

The present study entitled, ' **Adjectival Morphology in Limbu and English: A Linguistic Comparative Study**, endeavors to compare and contrast morphological system of adjectives of the Limbu and English. The English data were taken from secondary sources; Martinent and Thomason (1986) and Quirk et al. (1985). The native speakers of Limbu language were the primary sources of data for Limbu adjectives. The informants were divided into three groups of equal number of educated, literate, and illiterate persons. The researcher used stratified random sampling procedure to sample the population. The interview and questionnaire were used as research tools for data collection. It was found that Limbu adjectival morphological system was more complex than that of English adjectival morphological system. No gender distinction marker is found in English adjectives. But in Limbu gender distinction marker is found. The suffix <-pa/-ba> indicates both masculine and neuter gender marker and the suffix <-ma> indicates feminine gender marker. In Limbu most of the adjectives are derived by adding prefix <ka-> and suffixes <-pa/-ba> and <-ma>. But in English so many different types of prefixes and suffixes are used to derive adjectives from different word classes.

The thesis consists of four chapters. The first chapter deals with the introduction part of the study which consists of general background with several subtopics, namely a short introduction of the English and Limbu languages, overview of adjectival morphology, need and importance of contrastive analysis, review of related literature, objectives of the study and significance of the study. The second chapter deals with the methodology which includes sources of data collection, sampling procedure and limitations of the study. Similarly, the third chapter contains the analysis, interpretation, presentation and comparison of the data. The fourth chapter contains findings, recommendations and pedagogical implications of the study.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Terms

A

CA

-ed

-en

N

O

P

S

V

Glosses

Adjective

Contrastive Analysis

Past

Past Participle

Noun

Object

Preposition

Subject

Verb