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## ABSTRACT

This research study entitled '**Language Used in E-news**' aims to study the language of e-news stories of the text form and identify the characteristic features of the e-news stories. This study was carried out by using secondary sources as it is a fully descriptive work. I prepared checklists in which the tenses, the aspects, the sentence types, the major word classes and the voices, that were used in the e-news stories, were included and their frequency were also included. To collect the data for the study, I selected five news sites, viz. <http://www.ekantipur.com/>, <http://www.myrepublica.com/>, <http://www.nepalnews.com/>, <http://www.peoplesreview.com.np/> and <http://www.thehimalayantimes.com/>. I took seven e-news stories from each site. My analysis of the data showed that in the 35 e-news stories, non-past tense was used more frequently than past tense. Similarly, simple aspect got the highest frequency and perfective and progressive aspects were used after it in the decreasing order. In the same way, complex sentences were found to be used most frequently. Compound and simple sentences followed it respectively. Likewise, nouns were used most frequently and verb, adjective and adverb were used in the decreasing order. And, last but not the least, voice was analysed. It was found that active voice was used more frequently than passive voice.

This thesis is divided in four chapters. The first chapter consists of general background which includes discussion on various issues of language, importance of English, importance of the English language teaching in Nepal, mass media and its importance, types of mass media and various discussion of e-news. Likewise, it also includes the review of related literature, objectives of and significance of the study. The second chapter deals with methodology used to carry out this research work. It includes the sources of data, sampling procedure, tools for the data collection, processes of the data collection and limitations of the study. Similarly, the third chapter deals with the analysis and interpretation of the data. Finally, the fourth chapter consists of the findings and recommendations of the study.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

%	Percentage
AD	Anno Domini
adj.	Adjective
adv.	Adverb
ARNEC	All Round National Education Commission
AV	Active Voice
BS	BikramSambat
CIP	Curriculum Implementation Plan
CS	Compound sentences
CXS	Complex sentences
e.g.	exempli gratia
ELT	English Language Teaching
E-news	Electronic news
etc.	et cetera
F	Frequency
HLEC	High Level Education Commission
http	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
i.e.	idest
NEC	National Education Commission
NESP	New Education System Plan
NNEPC	Nepal National Educational Planning Commission
No.	Number
P.	Page
Perf. A.	Perfective Aspect
Prog. A.	Progressive Aspect
PV	Passive Voice
S.N.	Serial Number
SA	Simple Aspect
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

SS	Simple sentences
TU	Trubhuvan University
TV	Television
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
UNO	United Nations Organization
URL	Uniform/Universal Resource Locator (the address of a World Wide Web Page)
WWW	World Wide Web

Note: the following words of left side denote, throughout the research, the URLs which are mentioned in the right side correspondingly:

ekantipur	<a href="http://www.ekantipur.com/">http://www.ekantipur.com/</a>
myrepublica	<a href="http://www.myrepublica.com/">http://www.myrepublica.com/</a>
nepalnews	<a href="http://www.nepalnews.com/">http://www.nepalnews.com/</a>
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