# USE OF CASSETTES AND CDS IN TEACHING SPELLING AND PRONUNCIATION

A Thesis Submitted to the Department of English Education in Partial Fulfillment for the Master's Degree in Education

> Submitted by Hari Prasad Adhikari

> Faculty of Education Tribhuvan University Kathmandu, Nepal 2009

# USE OF CASSETTES AND CDS IN TEACHING SPELLING AND PRONUNCIATION

A Thesis Submitted to the Department of English Education University Campus, Kirtipur, Kathmandu in Partial Fulfillment for the Master's Degree in Education (Specialization in English Education)

> Submitted by Hari Prasad Adhikari

> Faculty of Education Tribhuvan University Kathmandu, Nepal 2009

T.U. Regd. No. : 9-2-121-185-99 Exam Roll No. : 280275/064 Date of Approval of the Thesis Proposal: 2065/03/30 Date of Submission: 2066/05/10

# **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCEPTANCE**

This is to certify that Mr. Hari Prasad Adhikari has prepared the thesis entitled "Use of Cassettes and Cds in Teaching Spelling and Pronunciation" under my guidance and supervision.

I recommend the thesis for acceptance.

••••••

**Prof. Dr. Anju Giri (Guide)** Department of English Education

Faculty of Education T.U., Kirtipur, Kathmandu

Date: 2066-05-10

# **RECOMMENDATION FOR EVALUATION**

This thesis has been recommended for evaluation by the following Research Guidance Committee.

Signature

<b>Dr. Chandreshwar Mishra</b> Professor and Head Department of English Education T.U., Kirtipur, Kathmandu	Chairperson
<b>Dr. Anju Giri (Guide)</b> Professor Department of English Education T.U., Kirtipur, Kathmandu	Member
<b>Dr. Anjana Bhattarai</b> Reader Department of English Education T.U., Kirtipur, Kathmandu	Member

Date: 2066-05-10

# **EVALUATION AND APPROVAL**

This thesis has been evaluated and approved by the following Thesis Evaluation Committee.

Signature

Member

<b>Dr. Chandreshwar Mishra</b> Professor and Head		
Department of English Education	Chairperson	
T.U., Kirtipur, Kathmandu		
Dr. Jai Raj Awasthi		
Professor		
Department of English Education		
Chairperson		
English and Other Foreign Languages	•••••	
Education Subject Committee Expert		
Tribhuvan University		
Kirtipur, Kathmandu		

Dr. Anju Giri (Guide) Professor Department of English Education T.U., Kirtipur, Kathmandu Date: 2066-05-10

# DECLARATION

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

Hari Prasad Adhikari

Date: 2066-05-10

# **DEDICATION**

This Thesis is Dedicated To My Parents and Teachers

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to express my deep and sincere gratitude to my thesis supervisor **Dr. Anju Giri,** Professor, Department of English Education, University campus, Kirtipur, Kathmandu for her continuous guidance and invaluable suggestions. I am deeply indebted to her continuous help during my research work. Truly speaking without her help this work would have been incomplete.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to **Dr. Chandreshwar Mishra**, Professor and Head, Department of English Education. T.U., Kritipur, for his suggestions and support for this study. I am also grateful to **Prof. Dr. Jai Raj Awasthi** for his kind co-operation and valuable and suggestions.

I would like to express my thanks to **Prof. Dr Tirth Raj Khaniya, Prof. Dr. Govinda Raj Bhattarai, Dr. Anjana Bhattarai, Dr. Bal Mukunda Bhandari** and other members of the Department of English Education for their guidance and kind co-operation.

I am very much grateful to my family members for their regular encouragement, all kinds of support and lovely environment to complete this thesis.

I would like to express my special thanks to informants who helped me to collect the data. Finally, I am also thankful to **Bishal K.C. "Persona" (Teacher Welfare Computer Service)** for his Computer work.

Hari Adhakari

#### ABSTRACT

The present study is on the use of electronic devices in teaching spelling and pronunciation. The study aims at finding out the use of electronic devices to teach spelling and pronunciation skills at the lower secondary level of government aided schools. The data were collected from five schools of Banke district. Hundred students and ten teachers were taken as subjects from those schools. Twenty students were selected randomly from each school. There were equal numbers of students from grade six. Four lessons on spelling and pronunciation of grade six were observed by the researcher. Thus, twenty lessons in five schools were observed. The researcher used two different sets of questionnaires and one observation form to obtain the data. The researcher found that most of the teachers used their own voice more than the recorded materials while teaching spelling and pronunciation in classes. Avery few recorded materials were used. These materials were mainly helpful for examination. Video and Radio programmes were not used at all.

The study is divided into four main chapters. Chapter one includes general introduction of the study. It also consists of review of related literature, objectives of the study and significance of the study. Chapter two deals with methodology, i.e. how the research was carried out. The study was based on both primary and secondary sources of data. This chapter also deals with the population of the study, the sample population, the sampling procedure, the tools for data collection and the limitations of the study. Chapter three deals with analysis and interpretation of the collected data. The data were analyzed in terms of (i) analysis and interpretation of data from questionnaire, (ii) analysis and interpretation of the data from observation. The data were interpreted by comparing the use of materials. Chapter four incorporates the findings and recommendations. On the basis of the analyzed data the findings

were listed and, in turn, on the basis of these findings some recommendations were made.

# **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

Rec	ommer	ndation for Acceptance	Ι
Rec	ommer	ndation for Evaluation	II
Evaluation and Approval		III IV	
Declaration			
Ded	lication	l	V
Ack	knowled	lgements	VI
Abs	stract		VII
Tab	ole of C	ontents	IX
List	t of Tab	oles	XI
List	t of Abl	breviations	XII
CH	IAPTE	<b>ER-ONE: INTRODUCTION</b>	1-15
1.1	Gene	eral Background	1
	1.1.1	Spelling and Pronunciation	4
	1.1.2	Pronunciation-Spelling Correspondence:	
		Some Teaching Ideas	5
	1.1.3	Teaching Aids	6
		1.1.3.1 Importance of Teaching Aids	7
		1.1.3.2 Types of Spelling and Pronunciation Materials	8
	1.1.4	Importance of Tape in Teaching	
		Spelling and Pronunciation	11
	1.1.5	Teaching Spelling and Pronunciation in the	
		Context of Nepal	12
1.2	Revi	ew of the Related Literature	13
1.3	Obje	ctives of the Study	15
1.4	Sign	ificance of the study	15
СН	АРТЕ	ER-TWO: METHODOLOGY	16-17

2.1	.1 Sources of Data		16
	2.1.1	Primary Source of Data	16
	2.1.2	Secondary Source of Data	16
2.2	Population of the Study		16
2.3	Sampling Procedure		16
2.4	Tools for the Data Collection		
2.5	Process of Data Collection		17
2.6	Limi	tations of the Study	17

# CHAPTER-THREE:ANALYSIS AND

INT	ERPF	RETATION	18-34
3.1	Analy	ysis and Interpretation from Questionnaire	18
	3.1.1	Analysis of Data Obtained from the Student's	
		Questionnaire	18
	3.1.2	Teacher's Questionnaire	24
		3.1.2.1 Materials in Teaching Spelling and Pronunciation	on 25
		3.1.2.2 Suggestion to deal with Spelling and	
		Pronunciation	26
		3.1.2.3 Material in Teaching Spelling and Pronunciatio	n 26
		3.1.2.4 Techniques of Teaching Spelling and	
		Pronunciation	27
		3.1.2.5Sufficient Materials for Teaching Spelling and	
		Pronunciation	27
		3.1.2.6 Effective Step for the Programme	28
3.2	Analy	sis and Interpretation from Observation Form	29
	3.2.1	Initiation of the Class	29
	3.2.2	Relevance of the Materials	31

	3.2.3 Relevance of the Text book	32
	3.2.4 Language of the Material	33
CHA	<b>APTER–FOUR: FINDINGS AND</b>	
REC	COMMENDATIONS	35-38
4.1	Findings from the Questionnaire	35
	4.1.1 Findings from the Classroom Observation Form	36
4.2	Recommendations	37
Refe	rences	

Appendices

### LIST OF TABLES

Table 1	Use of Tape for Teaching Spelling and Pronunciation	19	
Table 2	Comprehension of the Recorded Materials		
Table 3	Comprehension of the Teacher's Voice	20	
Table 4	Techniques for Teaching Spelling and Pronunciation	20	
Table 5	Materials while Learning Spelling and Pronunciation	21	
Table 6	Evaluation system	21	
Table 7	Use of Extra-recorded Materials	22	
Table 8	Text based cassette	22	
Table 9	Test on Spelling and Pronunciation	23	
Table 10	Medium of test on spelling and pronunciation	23	
Table 11	The use of recorded materials in the class room	24	
Table 12	Materials Used in Teaching Spelling and Pronunciation	25	
Table 13	Use of Cassette	28	
Table 14	Use of Video	29	
Table 15	Teacher's Voice	29	
Table 16	Briefing	30	
Table 17	Play the Recorded Materials	30	
Table 18	Teacher's Voice	30	
Table 19	Relevance to the curriculum	31	
Table 20	Relevance of the Textbook	32	
Table 21	Relevance to the Student's Level and Interest	32	
Table 22	Voice and fluency of the materials	33	
Table 23	Clarity of the Materials	33	
Table 24	Time Spent in the Use of Materials	34	

# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CD	-	Compact Disc
CDC	-	Curriculum Development Centre
MOE	-	Ministry of Education
NEP	-	National Education Plan
SLC	-	School Leaving Certificate
T.U.	-	Tribhuvan University