READING COMPREHENSION OF THE STUDENTS OF JANABADI MODEL SCHOOL AND GOVERNMENT-AIDED SCHOOL

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

Submitted by Dharma Jit Oli

Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal 2008

746

READING COMPREHENSION OF THE STUDENTS OF JANABADI MODEL SCHOOL AND GOVERNMENT-AIDED SCHOOL

A Thesis Submitted to the Department of English Language Education, in Partial Fulfilment for the Master's Degree in Education (Specialization in English Education)

> Submitted by Dharma Jit Oli

Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal 2008

T.U. Reg. No. : 9-2-57-590-2002 Second year Examination Roll No. : 280236/064 Data of Approval of the Thesis Proposal: 2065-03-10 Date of Submission : 2065-09-01

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that **Mr. Dharma Jit Oli** has worked and completed this thesis entitled **"Reading Comprehension of the Students of Janabadi Model School and Government-aided School"** under my guidance and supervision.

I recommend this thesis for acceptance.

Date

Mrs. Saraswati Dawadi (Guide) Lecturer Department of English Education Faculty of Education T.U., Kirtipur, Kathmandu

RECOMMENDATION FOR EVALUATION

This thesis has been recommended for evaluation by the following Research

Reader and Head Department of English Education Tribhuvan University Kirtipur

Dr. Chandreshwar Mishra

Guidance Committee.

Mrs. Saraswati Dawadi (Guide)

Lecturer Department of English Education Tribhuvan University Kirtipur

Mrs. Madhu Neupane

Lecturer Department of English Education Tribhuvan University Kirtipur

Date:

Chairperson

Member

Member

EVATULATION AND APPROVAL

This thesis has been evaluated and approved by the following **Research Evaluation Committee:**

Dr. Chandreshwar Mishra Reader and Head Department of English Education Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur

Dr. Jai Raj Awasthi

Professor Department of English Education Chairperson English and Other Foreign Languages Education Subject committee Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur

Mrs. Saraswati Dawadi (Guide)

Lecturer Department of English Education Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur

Date:

Chairperson

Member

Member

DEDICATION

Dedicated

to

My Late Parents

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.

Date :

Dharma Jit Oli

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to express my sincere and hearty gratitude to my Guruaama and thesis supervisor **Mrs. Saraswati Dawadi,** Lecturer, Department of English Education, Faculty of Education, Kirtipur, who provided me invaluable guidance, encouragement and co-operation to select such new field. She guided me throughout the study. Her patience, enthusiasm, co-operation, instructive suggestions and keen interest in this study are ever memorable.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to **Dr. Chandreswar Mishra**, Reader and Head Department of English Education, Kirtipur, for his valuable suggestions and encouragement to complete this work.

Likewise I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to **Mrs. Madhu Neupane** Lecturer, Department of English Education, T.U., Kirtipur for her invaluable suggestions and inspiration to develop this work.

Similarly, I would like to offer my sincere and hearty gratitude to **Prof. Dr. Jai Raj Awasthi,** Chairperson of English and Other Foreign Languages Education Subject Committee for his valuable suggestions and encouragement to accomplish the present study.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to **Prof. Dr. Tirth Raj Khaniya, Dr. Anjana Bhattrai, Mr. Visnu Singh Rai, Dr. Bal Mukunda Bhandari, Dr. Anju Giri** and other members of the Department of English Education for their valuable suggestions and encouragement.

I am very grateful to all the teachers and students of respective schools for their kind co-operation and active participation in the data collection for the study. Similarly, my brother **Bisnu Oli**, who encouraged me to do this work, **Sachin Roka** (Journalist, Nepal F.M. Kathmandu) who suggested me to select this new field and provided related materials, **Ratna Bahadur Oli** (**Tuphan Singh**), **Guna**

Raj Lohani, Lal Bahadur B.C, Ganesh Rijal, Kabita Oli, Bhuwan Oli also deserve thanks for their kind co-operation.

Furthermore my thanks go to my colleagues **Begam K.C., Ganesh Rawat, Padma Pandey, Manju Khanal,** my brother in law **Keshar Bahadur Khadka Chakra Bhandari** and **Bhagi Ram Bhandari**, and all my well wishers who directly and indirectly helped me.

I cannot remain silent without remembering the continuous encouragement and support from my wife **Mina Khadka (Oli)**.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to **Mr. Rajiv Maharjan** of Friend's Computer Service for computer typing.

Dharma Jit Oli

ABSTRACT

This research entitled "Reading Comprehension Proficiency of the Students of Janabadi Model School and Government-aided School" was conducted with the main objectives of finding out the reading comprehension of the students of grade six and to compare reading comprehension of the students of grade six of Janabadi Model school and Government-aided school. Altogether four schools were selected by using non-random sampling procedure for the data collection. Two schools were selected from Rolpa district, i.e. one was Janabadi Model school and another was government-aided school. Similarly two schools were selected from Rukum: one was Janabadi Model school and another was Government-aided school. Twenty students were selected randomly from each school. Thus, the magnitude of the sample population was eighty only. To carry out this research work, the researcher prepared both subjective and objective test items. The purpose behind selecting these districts was to represent similar districts with same geographical area and same socio-economic background of the students. The students studying in the Janabadi Model Schools in Rukum and Rolpa districts performed far better than the students studying in Government-aided schools. The average reading comprehension ability of their counterparts of Janabadi Model schools was 71.35 percent whereas the students of Government-aided school was 51.15 percent.

This study has been divided into four different chapters. The first chapter deals with introduction which includes general background, review of the related literature, objectives of the study, significance of the study. Similarly, sources of data, process of data collection, limitation of the study are included in the second chapter. The third chapter deals with the analysis and Interpretation. In this chapter the collected data was analyzed by using simple statistical tools like mean and percentage. The fourth chapter deals with findings and recommendations.

Х

CONTENTS

			Page	
Reco	ommend	i		
Reco	ommend	ii		
Eval	uation a	and Approval	iii	
Decl	aration		iv	
Ackn	owledg	ements	v-vi	
Abst	ract	vii		
Cont	tents		viii-ix	
List o	of Table	X		
List o	of Abbre	xi		
CHA	APTER	ONE: INTRODUCTION	1-23	
1.1	Gene	ral Background	1	
	1.1.1	Introduction to Janabadi Education	3	
	1.1.2	Introduction to Janabadi School	4	
	1.1.3	Reading Skill	5	
	1.1.4	Reading as Receptive Skill	8	
	1.1.5	Reading as a Productive Skill	9	
	1.1.6	Reading Comprehension	10	
	1.1.7	Types of Reading	10	
	1.1.8	Testing of Reading Comprehension	16	
	1.1.9	Importance of Reading	20	
1.2	Review of the Related Literature		21	
1.3	Objec	ctives of the Study	23	
1.4	Signi	ficance of the Study	23	
CHA	APTER	TWO: METHODOLOGY	24-26	
2.1	Sourc	ces of Data	24	
	2.1.1	Primary Sources	24	
	2.1.2	Secondary Sources of Data	24	
2.2	Sampling Procedure			

2.3	Tools for Data Collection25				
2.4	Process of Data Collection 2.				
2.5	Limitations of the Study				
CHA	PTER	THREE: ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA	A 27-37		
3.1	Reading Comprehension Ability of the 6 th Graders		27		
	3.1.2	Reading Comprehension of the Individual Students Studying i	n		
		Janabadi Model School of Rolpa	28		
	3.1.3	Reading Comprehension Ability of the Individual Students			
		Studying in Government-Aided School Rolpa	29		
	3.1.4	Reading Comprehension of the Students from Rolpa	29		
3.2	Reading Comprehension Ability of Individual Students Studying in				
	Mode	l School Rukum	31		
	3.2.1	Reading Comprehension Ability of the Individual Students of			
		Government-Aided School, Rukum	31		
	3.2.2	Reading Comprehension Ability of the Students of Rukum	32		
3.3	Readi	ng Comprehension Ability of the Student of Model Schools	33		
3.4	3.4 Reading Comprehension Ability of the Students of Government-Aide		ed		
	Schools				
	3.4.1	Reading Comprehension Ability of the Individual Schools 'As a	ì		
		Whole'	35		
3.5	Reading Comprehension Ability of the Students of Model School and				
	Gover	rnmental School: A Comparative Analysis	36		
CHA	PTER	FOUR: FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION	37-39		
4.1	Findir	ngs	37		
4.2	Recor	nmendations	38		
REFERENCES 39-41					
APPE	ENDIC	ES			

LIST OF TABLES

Table No. 1:	Reading Comprehension Ability of the 6 th Graders	28	
Table No 2:	Reading Comprehension of the Students from Rolpa	30	
Table No. 3:	Reading Comprehension Ability of the Students of Rukum	32	
Table No. 4:	Reading Comprehension Ability of the Student of		
	Model Schools	33	
Table No. 5:	Reading Comprehension Ability of the Students of		
	Government-Aided Schools.	34	
Table No. 6:	Reading Comprehension Ability of the Individual Schools 'As a		
	Whole'	35	
Table No. 7:	Reading Comprehension Ability of the Students of Janabadi M	Iodel	
	School and Government-Aided School	36	

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A.V.	:	Average
CBA	:	Central Base Area
CPN	:	Communist Party Nepal
CUP	:	Cambridge University Press
F.M	:	Full Marks
M.Ed.	:	Masters in Education
MMMS	:	Martyr Memorial Model School
MVMMS	:	Martyr Vasu Memorial Model School
Per.	:	Percentage
PLA	:	People's Liberation Army
RPED	:	Regional Peoples Education Division
SAARC	:	South Asian Association for Regional Co-Operation
SBBMV	:	Shree Bir Bal Bhadra Madhyamic Vidhylaya
SPS	:	Shree Primary School
T.U.	:	Tribhuvan University
UK	:	United Kingdom
UNO	:	United Nations Organization
WT	:	Whole Timer