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ABSTRACT

This thesis entitled "Negative and Interrogative transformations in English and Doteli dialect of the Nepali language: A comparative study" is an attempt to find out the process of negative and interrogative transformation in the Doteli dialect and to compare and contrast them with those in English. This thesis is based on Doteli dialect of the Nepali language.

The data for this research have been collected from Rupal and Shirsha VDC's of Dadeldhura district. The processes of negative and interrogative transformation in the Doteli language have been described and compared and contrasted them with those in English.

The major findings in a nutshell are the negative markers 'nai' and 'jan' occur in different situations in Doteli dialect whereas English negative marker is 'not' which is used in different situations; Doteli negative imperative marker is 'jan' which is placed before the verb whereas English negative imperative is formed by placing donot/don't at the beginning of the sentence; Doteli Yes/No Question are formed by rising the intonation, whereas English Yes/No question is formed by placing the auxiliary verb at the beginning of the sentence; Doteli wh-word occurs after the subject whereas English wh-word occurs at the beginning of the sentences.

The dissertation is divided into four chapters. They are introduction, methodology, analysis and interpretation and findings, recommendation and pedagogical implications.

Chapter one encompasses general background literatures review, objectives of the study, significance of the study.

Chapter two deals with the methodology adopted for the study under which sources of data, sampling procedure, research tool, process of data collection, the limitation of the study.

Chapter three is the most important chapter that includes analysis and interpretation of data.

Chapter four consists of findings, recommendations and pedagogical implications.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Aux : Auxiliary

B.S : Bikram Sambat

CA : Contrastive Analysis

e.g. : For example

FL : Foreign Language

i.e. : That is to say (Latin id est)

L1 : First Language

L2 : Second Language

N : Negative

T.G. : Transformational Generative

T.U. : Tribhuvan University

VDC : Village Development Committee

Viz : That is to say (Latin Videlicet)

Y/N : Yes/No

N : Negative