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ABSTRACT

The present research work is an effort to analyze the vocabulary used in the social study textbook for grade eight in private schools. In order to carry out this study the researcher collected data from the 'Social Study Textbook for Grade Eight': originally written in Nepali by Janak Materials Centre, Ltd. and later translated by same centre, JEMC, Sanothimi, Bhaktapur. Similarly, the researcher determined the following criteria to carry out this research: total number, parts of speech, frequency and the level of difficulty. The main tool that the researcher made use of was intensive study' of the textbook. Another tool used by the researcher was test items: the test items subsumed the two different tests.

On the basis of the collected data, the state of the vocabulary in social study textbook for private school was determined using simple statistical tools such as: total number and frequency of occurrence. The findings of the study show that more than 70 percent (%) vocabularies are easy to comprehend for the students.

The study consists of four chapters altogether. Chapter one introduces the study in terms of the general background, review of related literature, objectives of the study and definition of the specific terms. Chapter two discusses the methodology used for the study under which the sources of data, process of data collection and limitation of the study are mentioned. Chapter three deals on analysis and interpretation of the data. To be specific, statistical and analytical approaches have been used for the purpose. Chapter four discusses the major findings and recommendations of the study.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

BS.	Bikram sambat
CDC	curriculum development center
Eg	for example
Etc	et cetera (= and soon)
Freq	frequency
I.e.	id est (that is to say/ in other word)
Inf	infinitive form of the verb
intrj	interjection
No	number
nos	numbers
Plu	plural
Prof	professor
Sing	singular
S.n	serial number
T.U	Tribhuvan university
v	vowel
V-ed	past form of the verb
V-en	past participle form of the verb
V-ing	present participle form of the verb
Vs/es	third person singular present verb
Viz	videlicet (that is to say/ in other words)
Ti	test(i)