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#### **ABSTRACT**

The present study entitled "An Analysis of the Vocabulary used in the English Textbook for Grade Six" is an attempt to analyze the vocabulary items used in the textbook for grade six in terms of the total number, parts of speech, phonological structure and morphological structure. The data of this study includes all the vocabulary items used in the English textbook for grade six, published by 'Government of Nepal' Ministry of Education, Curriculum Development Centre, written by Naresh Prasad Gautam et al. It was found that 1593 different vocabulary items belonging to different parts of speech were used in the textbook. Out of them, the highest number of vocabulary items was nouns and the least ones articles.

This study is divided into four chapters. Chapter one deals with the introduction in terms of the general background, review of the related literature, objectives of the study and definition of the terms. The second chapter deals with the methodology adopted for the study under which the sources of data, process of data collection and limitation of the study are presented. Chapter three deals with the analysis and interpretation of the data. Mainly descriptive and analytical approaches have been used for the purpose. Chapter four discusses the major findings and recommendations of the study. Finally, this chapter is followed by references and appendices.

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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

B.S - Bikram Sambat

C - Consonant

CDC - Curriculum Development Center

CUP - Cambridge University press

e.g. - for example

etc. - et cetera

freq. - frequency

et al. - et alii/ alia (and other people or thing)

i.e. - idest (that is to say / in other words)

Inf. - Infinitive form of the verb

Interj. - Interjection

No. - Number

Nos - Numbers

Plu. - Plural

Prep. - Preposition

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 form of the verb

Vol - Volume

% - Percentage

viz - Namely