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ABSTRACT

The present thesis entitled **'Vocabulary as an Affecting Factor in Developing Reading Comprehension'** is an attempt to find out development of reading comprehension of class XII students through teaching vocabulary. The main objective of this research was to find out the role of vocabulary in developing reading comprehension. In order to achieve this objective of the research, 12th grade students of Bardiya, district were purposively sampled, where 20 students were selected randomly. Pre-test items were administered for them to find out their initial proficiency level in English vocabulary and reading comprehension. Then, they were taught English vocabulary and reading comprehension according to daily lesson plan . Four progress tests were conducted before post-test was administered within the period of teaching. Then, finally, post-test was also administered and recorded the students' result of performance. Then, their score were also recorded, interpreted, compared and contrasted to reach the findings of the objectives. The result of this objective was achieved enthusiastically. And some pedagogical implications of this findings have also been recommended.

The present thesis has been divided into four chapters. The first chapter deals with the general background, literature review, objectives and significance of the study. The second chapter contains the methodology, which is sub-chaptered as the source of data, sampling procedure, tools for data collection, process of data collection and the limitations of the study. The third chapter includes the analysis and interpretation of the data obtained from the field. The last, fourth chapter has the findings and recommendations of the study in which some pedagogical implications have been recommended.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

%	:	Percentage
CUP	:	Cambridge University Press
e.g.	:	For Example
EFL	:	English as a Foreign Language
ELT	:	English Language Teaching
etc.	:	et cetera
F.M.	:	Full Marks
HS.S.	:	Higher Secondary School
i.e.	:	that is
M.Ed.	:	Master of Education
NELTA	:	Nepal English Language Teachers' Association
O.M	:	Obtain Marks
T.U.	:	Tribhuvan University