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#### ABSTRACT

The present research work entitled 'A Study on Errors by the Secondary Level Students in Using Articles' is a survey research. The objectives of the study were to find out the errors committed by the students while using articles in English, to compare the errors committed by the students of government –aided and private schools and to suggest some pedagogical implications. For this research, two government –aided schools and two private schools of Kapilvastu district were selected. The total sample of population was eighty. Twenty learners were selected from each school. The researcher used simple random sampling procedure for sample population. The researcher prepared essay type and paragraph writing test items. It was found that the learners of government aided schools committed greater number of errors than that of the students in private school. In comparison to substitution and misordering of articles, over use of articles in improper places were found in abundance.

The thesis consists of four chapters. Chapter one is an introductory chapter which includes general background, objectives of the study, review of the related literature and significance of the study. Chapter two includes the methodology adopted to complete the research. It particularly contains sources of data, sampling procedures, tools and processes of data collection and limitations of the study. Chapter three consists of the analysis and interpretation of the data. Chapter four consists of the findings and recommendations of the study based on the analysis and interpretation of the data. This chapter is followed by the references.

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