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Encountered by EFL learners in  
Pronunciation**

بحث في الصعوبات التي يواجهها دارسو اللغة الانجليزية لغة اجنبية في النطق

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## **Dedication**

To my parents

To my husband

To my colleagues

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## **Abstract**

This study aims to investigate of the common errors of English pronunciation in Sudan University of Science and Technology, College of Education. Throughout the research's observation most of the students in Sudan University seem to have common errors pronunciation. The researcher collected the data by random sample composed (30) students. The researcher used oral test answered by group of students also researcher aims to fulfill the flowing : To identify the common errors committed by students in Sudan University in English Pronunciations , although to discover the main reason of the problem .Finally syllabus should provide more attention to the area of pronunciations. The main Hypothesis of this study University students face difficulties in pronunciation of silent words contain silent letters, University students make many errors in pronouncing as result of interference of the first language, University students are not able to differentiate between some consonant . The thesis is ended with some suggestion for further studies:

Our focus school is on teaching strategies in order to avoid committing errors, Some of English errors pronunciation is problematic to the Sudanese students, Absence of the native speaker beside the staff one of the main causes of the problem.

## Abstract (Arabic Version)

تهدف هذه الدراسة الي معرفة الاخطاء النطقية الشائعة لدى طلاب جامعة السودان كلية التربية ومدى تأثيرها على المتعلمين . ومن خلال ملاحظات الباحث يرى ان معظم طلاب جامعة السودان لديهم اخطاء شائعة في النطق حيث قام الباحث بجمع المعلومات من خلال أخذ عينة عشوائية مكونة من (30) طالب للتعرف على مشكلتهم، ثم استخدم الباحث الاختبار الشفوي لدى الطلاب حيث قام بتحليل البيانات تحليلا احصائيا باستخدام الاحصاء الوصفي " الحاسب الالي " ببرنامج " SPSS ". يهدف الباحث الي معرفة الاخطاء النطقية الشائعة لدى طلاب جامعة السودان كلية التربية واكتشاف الاسباب الرئيسية التي تقف وراء المشكلة . يرى الباحث ان المنهج يجب ان يكون شامل معينات ومساعدات النطق الصحيح ، ومن اهم فرضيات هذه الدراسة : طلاب جامعة السودان يواجهون صعوبة في نطق الكلمة التي تحتوى علي أحرف صامته.طلاب جامعة السودان يواجهون مشكلة في النطق بطريقة صحيحة في بعض الكلمات نتيجة لارتباطها باللغة الام. طلاب جامعة السودان لا يستطيعون التفريق بين بعض الأحرف الثابته ، وقد اوضح تحليل الاختبار النتائج الاتية، بعض اخطاء النطق الانجليزية مشكلة بالنسبة للطلاب السودانيين، عدم وجود كادر من اللغة الام " اللغة الانجليزية " في اصطاف المدارس ، المعلمين يجب ان ينطقوا النطق الصحيح جيداً للمتعلمين .

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