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Abstract

This study investigates the performance and perception of paraphrasing techniques of students of English as a foreign language (EFL) at governmental and private Sudanese universities, the extent to which there are differences between the two types of universities, and students' performance matches their perceptions. The sample of the study was chosen randomly from two universities (one governmental and one private) in order to collect the necessary data. One hundred students did a test about paraphrasing techniques and responded to a questionnaire about paraphrasing perceptions. The researcher used descriptive analytical method by means of One-Way Analysis Of Variance (One-Way ANOVA) to analyze the data. The results obtained revealed a significant difference between the governmental and private universities in terms of paraphrasing performance. In addition, there was no significant difference between the two universities in terms of perception. Moreover, there was a mismatch between the participants' performance and perceptions. The study recommends adding sufficient research-related courses incorporating paraphrasing techniques to the curriculum, making explicit awareness of the importance of paraphrasing, and providing training and practice in paraphrasing techniques.

Abstract

(Arabic Version)

المستخلص

تتقصي هذه الدراسة في أداء ومفهوم أساليب إعادة الصياغة اللغوية لدي الطلاب في الجامعات السودانية الحكومية والخاصة الدارسين للغة الإنجليزية لغة جنبية إلي المدي القائل بوجود فروقات بين هذين النوعين من الجامعات و بتطابق الأداء مع المفهوم لدي الطلاب تم إختيار العينة إختياراً عشوائيا من جامعتين واحدة حكومية و الأخري خاصة لتجميع البيانات . كان عدد الطلاب المشاركين في هذا البحث مائة طالب وطالبة أدي هؤلاء الطلاب إختبارا في أساليب إعادة الصياغة اللغوية ومن ثم قاموا بالرد علي إستبيان يخص مفاهيم أساليب إعادة الصياغة اللغوية . إستخدم الباحث المنهج الوصفي التحليلي عن طريق تحليل التباين الأحادي لتحليل البيانات . أبانت النتائج المتحصل عليها إلي وجود فرق واضح بين المجموعتين في الأداء بالإضافة إلي ذلك لا فرق يوجد فيما يخص المفهوم بين المجموعتين. كما أبانت النتائج إلي وجود إختلاف بين الأداء والمفهوم لدي جميع الطلاب أوصت الدراسة بإدخال هذه الأساليب في المنهج والتوعية المباشرة بين الأداء والمفهوم لدي جميع الكتابة الرسمية وتوفير التدريب والممارسة لهذه الأساليب.

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