Linguistic Problems in English Essay (English as a Second Language) by Undergraduate Students of Patna

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ABSTRACT

This study reports linguistics problems in an essay writing by ESL undergraduate students. This study used content analysis design assigning 10 essay writing manuscripts for analysis. The 10 essays available for writing assignment were used as data sources. The study revealed that: linguistics problems appeared in terms of: syntax, sentence, grammar, tenses, and agreements. Essentially, the linguistic features in writing cover mastery on the rules of grammar. Four aspects of linguistic features are: syntax, grammar, vocabulary, and mechanics. Sentence problems, i.e. fragment, choppy, run-on, and stringy sentences, that is usually integral to syntactic and grammar problems are introduced.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Linguistics problems in an essay appear as main constraints for students to develop a good English essay. In the teaching of writing, the sequence of activities typically involves:

(1) **Familiarization**: Learners study grammar and vocabulary, usually through a text.
(2) **Controlled writing**: Learners imitate given patterns, often from substitution tables.