

This research work is divided into five sections. Section 1-5 and are referred to as Chapters wheel the last part deal with bibliography. The first chapter is background of the study, statement of the problem, statement of hypothesis, purpose of the study, significance of the study and lastly scope and limitation of the topic. The third chapter is concern with Data presentation and the methodology used in carrying out the research findings, population of the study, sampling techniques, source of data collection, tools of data collection, method of data analysis, All procedures followed in data collection are described. The fourth chapter deals with the data analysis. Some of these have been shown clearly in table form while the rest appear in sentences in the form of analysis. The fifth chapter being the last chapter of the research report is composed of the summary, conclusion and recommendation of the research report. The last part of the research work is the bibliography.

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CHAPTER ONE

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This chapter concentrates onintroduction of the research, background to the study, aim and objectives ofthe study, statement of the problem, significance of the study, scope and limitationsof the study, research question, definition of terms and conclusion.

1.1 BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY

The most basic purpose of language is communication, and communication can be transactional or interactional. However, different languages have different forms and structures. It is in view of this that the research intends to look at the sentence structures of English and Igbarra languages. The studies that have been carried out on the two languages vary a great deal. English language has a lot of materials on studying the sentence structure unlike the Igbarra language which was not touched until the twentieth century. Therefore there are few works done on it and most of the materials are in form of seminar papers that have not yet been published.

Nigeria is without question, a multi-lingual society due to the existence of many languages. The number of languages present in Nigeria has been estimated to lie between 360 and 400. Olaofe, I.A. (1982) put the number at 394. Among them are Hausa, Igbo, and Yoruba, which are recognized as the three major languages, while Tiv, Ebira, Idoma, Nupe, Igala, Fulfulde, Ijaw, Efik, Ibibio, Itsekiri are minor languages in Nigeria.

In this study, attention is focused specifically on the contrastive analysis of the sentence structures of English and Igbarra languages. Adeyanju, T.K. (1978) Contrastive analysis is concerned with the similarities and differences which result from the comparison between the two different languages. This is done by looking at the structures of the sentences of the studied languages.

Before going into the main body of the work it is of paramount importance to look at historical profiles of Igbarra speakers. Apart from being the name of the language, Igbarra, is the headquarters of Akoko Edo Local Government

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