Conjunctions and Its Usage in Arabic and Tamil Languages: A Contrastive Study

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Abstract

A conjunction is a part of speech that functions as a connector between two sentences, clauses, phrases or words. It uses in Arabic and Tamil languages as well as other all languages. Although each of these languages have specific structure in usage of these conjunctions. This study aims to identify the similarities and differences on conjunctions between Arabic and Tamil languages with their form, function, position as well as their semantics. This study is dealing with descriptive and contrastive methods to analyze secondary data around three parts such as conjunctions and its usage in Arabic, conjunctions and its usage in Tamil and similarities and dissimilarities on conjunctions between Arabic and Tamil languages. The results indicate that there are more differences than the similarities on kinds of conjunctions and its position in sentences between Arabic and Tamil Languages as well as these differences effect on translating conjunctions between both of these two languages.

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