

ARTICLE USAGE: A CHALLENGE FOR SECOND LANGUAGE LEARNERS OF ENGLISH

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Introduction

Articles is an area of grammar within the field of concept categories namely the definite article, indefinite article and the zero article and these examine the concept covered by definiteness and non-definiteness in either generic or specific reference. The usage of articles is inherently difficult for second language learners to learn, no matter what the background of the learner is. The purpose of the study is to explore the challenges faced by Sri Lankan second language learners in the usage of the article system of English when learning English as a second language.