FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR POOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUMMARY WRITING SKILLS IN THREE SELECTED SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN BUKWO TOWN COUNCIL.

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ABSTRACT

This research proposal provides an insight on the factors responsible for poor English language summary writing, as English language summary writing skill has a great importance in language education, and in the field of teaching Language for Academic Purpose, it is shown that the development of this skill is one of the most difficult skills for learners. This study is part of a larger project and its main purpose is to open the black box by exploring the relationship between performances of summary writing in English language of lower secondary level and the strategies used for summary writing in English language.

This study will dwell on the factors responsible for poor English language summary writing and the strategies of improving the English language summary writing skills in lower secondary level. The study will be of immense importance to the teachers of English, language students, curriculum planners, examining bodies, text book writers, educational administrators, possibly parents, researchers and other interested bodies in the field of language and communication studies.

Regarding the ethical considerations, the researcher will provide the respondents with the necessary information concerning the main purpose of the research, expected duration, procedures followed and the researcher will be in position to keep privacy and not disclose the confidentiality of respondents.

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 Introduction

This chapter aims at introducing the background of the study, problem statement, objectives of the study, research questions, and scope of the study and significance of the study.

1.1 Background of the study

A summary is a shorter description of a longer work covering all of its highlights with few details. It's used for an overview so that people can get an idea of what the longer work entails without reading or watching it first.

Summary writing is a skill that is crucial to the academic success of students in higher education (De Silva, 2015). "Of the four language skills, writing is considered as one of the most important skills in an academic setting" (Lin & Maarof, 2013, p. 599). It is also one of the most difficult skills for English language learners to acquire, since the task of writing becomes extremely challenging to some writers when the medium of writing is in English.

From this line of reasoning, it might be concluded that readers who produce complete, well-written summaries have comprehended well. But what about readers whose summaries are not good either those that contain little or erroneous information or those that are poorly- organized? Can it be concluded that poor summaries are the result of faulty comprehension?

Several other variables, however, could be postulated to affect summary production. For instance, do the readers understand the task, that is, has summary writing been used frequently in the classroom with careful attention given to what good summaries ought to include and how to write them? Second, how familiar are the readers with the topic of the passage to be read and summarized? Could a lack of prior knowledge affect the quality of a summary produced by the reader? Third, are the readers interested enough in the topic to care about producing a good summary, or is the writing merely a task to be performed and completed? Fourth, are the readers also accomplished writers, who can plan carefully what is to be included in a summary and then organize it in a logical, coherent manner? Finally, how adequate are summaries as a measure of

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