An Analysis of Noun Usage In an Online English News : A Case Study
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was analysis frequency kinds of English noun of common nouns and pronoun nouns on an online newspaper. This study used setting and materials in consisted the 40 news in seven levels from the website http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com which were used by the provider from the 13th of September 2013 to the 28th of February 2014. Categorizing noun focuses on common nouns and proper nouns, survey the using of noun for person, places, things and animals, the data collected from analyzed using frequency and percentage. The research findings were as follows: 1) The using of common nouns and...
proper nouns for person, places, things, and animals in the 40 news for Breakingnewsenglish.com totaled 487 words. 2) Using common nouns totals 307 words equaling 63.03% of the time. For person used 124 words with 25.46%, things used 117 words with 24.02%, places used 57 words with 11.70%, and animals used 9 words with 1.85% respectively. 3) Using proper nouns totals 180 words equaling 37.58% of the time. For places used 84 words with 17.25%, person used 56 words with 11.50%, things used 38 words with 7.80%, and animals used 2 words with 0.41% respectively. 4) In conclusion, in Breaking news used common nouns more than proper nouns almost types, the most of percentages was common nouns on person used total 124 words with 25.46% and the least percentages was proper nouns for animals used total 2 words with 0.41%.

Keywords: Online News; Breakingnewsenglish.com; Common nouns; Proper nouns

Introduction

In present global education, online English websites enable students to assimilate many aspects of the English language, especially everyday English. Learning English through online English websites also assists one to practice English by listening, speaking, reading and writing. Belch, G’E. & Belch, M.A. (2007), explain that the website is important to organizations and is recognized by all industries including educational organizations and institutions. The main benefit of English learning websites is that millions of students can be reached. Research has shown that total Internet user growth in Asia has increased more than 40% from 2000 to 2008 (Internet World States, 2008).

Online Breaking News English Website is one of the main media that helps students to understand news and information, because it has various practices, activities and levels for the students, which they can choose to study, to improve the use of the English language. The learner can also study many different kinds of words, for example nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. The learner can analyze the function and kind of the word that is in the text. Learners often consider that it is a simple thing and it is not important to the learner. As English teacher look at the meaning of the text and ignore or neglect the function and kind of the words. Whereas, kinds of word are important components in English learning because those are very useful for us when we will express our utterances or write English sentences. One simple example is the difference between common nouns and proper nouns. Some simply stated, a proper noun is capitalized, whereas a common noun is not. Any grammar teacher, however, will tell students that the difference goes deeper than that: there are special rules for identifying and creating proper nouns, and these might take special studying
to understand them completely, that students are still confused to distinguish between a common noun and a proper noun (www.english2days.com).

The data sources for this study were taken from articles on online newspaper website “Breaking News English” (www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com) which covers topics from all around the world. This data were chosen because those articles contain many English nouns, but this site also increases our knowledge of what is happening now. Online newspapers are really popular nowadays, because the updating information is really quick. The information or the updating news will be posted on the site just in a few moments.

**Purpose of the Study**

To analysis frequency kinds of English noun of common noun and pronoun noun on an online newspaper site entitled TheBreakingNewsEnglish.com.

**Scope of the study**

This study covers only 40 news stories from levels one to seven published online at http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com, selected by the researcher. The finding consists of the breakdown of nouns used. The study focuses on common and proper nouns that exist in the excerpts.

**Significance of the Study**

The finding from this study will be beneficial as follows:

1. The findings may be useful for students who would like to learn English by themselves using online news because there are many activities to learn such as interactive & printable English lessons in seven levels and all skills to learn included.

2. The findings may be useful for English teachers who would like to teach all skills using online news as their teaching resources.

3. This finding might be beneficial for interested people or other language learners, educational institutions and practitioners to develop the use of the English language. Moreover, it also guideline language policy makers for curriculum design.

**Literature Review**

The researcher have conducted many studies on factors of Online News, Breaking News, part of speech. These studies are summarized and presented as follows:

Online Breaking News English Website is the main media in this case study. There are many experts and scholars are given definitions, Wikipedia (2015) defines that online news
is the online version of a newspaper. It can either be a stand-alone publication, or the online version of a periodical printed one. It could be concluded that online news is one version of a newspaper which immediately offers information about a recent event or a recently changed situation. It can create more opportunities for a newspaper, such as competing with broadcast journalism, presenting breaking news in a timely manner. And everybody can use online news to update themselves with the latest happenings around the world.

Breaking News, Tony Rogers (2014) refers to events that are unexpected, such as a plane crash or a fire in a building. Breaking News can also refer to the news that occurs late in the day, close to a news outlet’s usual deadline.” it could be concluded that Breaking News conducts special reports or current news in order to report its details. It could be a story that is of wide interest to viewers, but has little impact otherwise. And also referring to event news which just happened that occur late in the day or at night and includes reports the emerging intelligence.

Samlan Kamying (2552 :.1) defines part of speech are the basic types of words that the English language has, it is important to be able to recognize and identify the different types of words in English, so that students can understand grammar explanations and use the right word form in the right place. It is divided into eight different types ; nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, conjunctions, interjections” Conclusions that nouns refers to common nouns and proper nouns is the part of noun which this study means to common noun refers to person, animals, things and places, for example: Person : boy, girl, man, woman, father, etc. Animals: cat, dog, bird, lion, tiger, etc. Things: car, pen, map, bed, table, etc. Places: church, school, post office, police station, bank, market, etc. Proper Noun refers to person, animals, things and places, for example: Person: Sam Smith, David Beckham, Barak Obama,etc. Animals: Simba, Angel, Jerry, etc. Things: Toyota, Lux, Samsung, Sony, etc.

Asst. Prof. Akkarapon Nuemaihom (2552: 439-440), A survey of English vocabularies of Prathomsueksa 6, Mathayomsuksa 3, and Mathayomsuksa 6 students 2552, or 2008. The purposes of this research were to survey English vocabularies of Prathomsuksa 6, Mathayomsuksa 3, and Mathayomsuksa 6 students, to classify these vocabularies in two alphabetical A-Z groups, and to specify their parts of speech and word classes. For their parts of speech, it was found that most of Prathomsuksa 6 students’ vocabularies i.e., 1,343 words (63.98 %) were nouns, while the least of them i.e., 11 words (0.52 %) were pronouns. For Mathayomsuksa 3 students’ vocabularies, most of them i.e., 1,763 words (55.21 %) were also nouns, but the least of them i.e., 5 words (0.16 %) were interjections. Moreover, most of Mathayomsuksa 6 students’ vocabularies i.e., 1,674 words (50.51 %) were nouns, but the least of them i.e., one word (0.03 %) was a pronoun.
Research Methodology

Setting and Materials

This study uses 40 news stories of seven levels from the website http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com.

Data Collection and Data Analysis

The research has collected 40 news in Breakingnewsenglish.com categorizes noun focusing common noun and proper noun, survey the using of noun within person, places, things and animals, Analyzed using percentage and describing their details usage and then summarize of usage words as the following flowchart:

![The flowchart of the procedure of data collection and analysis]

Results of the Study

This study using of analysis breaking English news. The analysis could be summarized and presented by percentage of common nouns and proper nouns, only covered nouns for person, places, things and animals from table one to table 40, For example:

Table 1 Analysis percentage of the use of common nouns and proper nouns 13 words of “Women should have babies before 35”

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<tr>
<th>Nouns</th>
<th>Person</th>
<th>Places</th>
<th>Things</th>
<th>Animals</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>Common Noun</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>84.62</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>7.69</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Proper Noun</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
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The table shows the percentages of common nouns and proper nouns from Fertility news. Most common nouns are for person with 84.62 %. They are doctor, women, babies, nurses, daughter, children, worker, people, partner, man, and doctor. Places and things have a percentage of 7.69%. They are house and clock respectively. There are no nouns for animals, person, places and things in proper noun.

To summarize, common nouns exist in an 84.62 percentage for person. In conclusion, the most used common nouns in the news are nouns of people. However, common nouns and proper nouns do not have any percentage similar to the use of nouns for animals.

Conclusion

The aims considering the types of English nouns divided into common nouns and proper nouns of an online newspaper site entitled: “The BreakingNewsEnglish.com” was summarizing the frequent usage of common nouns and proper nouns from 40 online News from “BreakingNewsEnglish.Com”. The percentages between the usage of common nouns and proper nouns regarding person, places, things and animals in 40 Breakingnews.com stories at a total of 487 words as follows:

1. The frequent usage of common nouns from 40 online News BreakingNewsEnglish.Com”, in total 307 words with 63.03%.
   - Person total 124 words
   - Places total 57 words
   - Things total 117 words
   - Animals total 9 words

   The total use of common nouns for people at “Breaking news” result in 124 words, with a percentage of 25.46%. Common nouns for things content in a total of 117 words with a percentage of 24.02%. Common nouns for places reached a total of 57 words with 11.70%, and common nouns for animals reached a total of 9 words with are respectively percentage of 1.85%.

2. The frequency usage of proper nouns from 40 online News stories at “BreakingNewsEnglish.Com”, in total 180 words with 37.58%.
   - Person total 56 words
   - Places total 84 words
   - Things total 38 words
   - Animals total 2 words
Breaking news uses a percentage of 11.50% for proper nouns accountable for person. Proper nouns for places used 84 words with a percentage of 17.25%. Proper nouns for things conduct 38 words with a percentage of 7.80%, while only two proper nouns for animals were used, with a percentage of 0.41 %.

From final conclusion, Breaking News uses common nouns more often than proper nouns, with the highest percentage of 25.46% for person, using 124 words, while the least percentage, 0.41 % were proper nouns for animals, containing only two words.

Discussions
The researcher has chosen this data because learning English online benefits leaner more efficiently, please see examples:

1. 40 news items of an Online Breaking News English Website from the 13th of September 2013 to the 28th of February 2014 were analyzed in this case study, including collected studies, tools how to use them, which finally shortens the time for collecting data, in order that the teaching outcome will be more reliable and easier to accomplish.

2. This study merely covers the analysis frequency kinds of English noun of common nouns and proper nouns used in online news.

3. This study can truly affect the learners to learn the English language by using the “Online Breaking News English” website. It’s certain that this study can provide basic knowledge for those who are interested in studying linguistic elements in any other forms, further more studies should analyze the grammatical structures used in English news online as well.

4. Saving time as scheduling and implementing online learning is much less time-consuming than planning lessons and having various meetings and seminars.

5. Saving money by eliminating travel expenses, registration costs, consultant fees, and other expenses associated with seminars and on-site meetings. Stress –less and easy to use- online learning can save all school districts expenses, which they’d have to pay for by hiring substitute teachers.

6. Adding flexibility which enables learners to access online learning opportunities anytime, at any place, by having access to the Internet, from the comfort of their own home and even during summer and holiday breaks and after school hours.

Recommendation

1. Recommendation for Research Consumers

1.1 The scope of study could be broadened to include a larger sampling of online news handbills to get more details.
1.2 Other materials such as movies, songs, tales, newspapers, advertisements etc. should be considered to study as well.

1.3 Students who study English can utilize this analysis as a useful resource to increase their understanding of grammatical words such as verbs, adjectives, adverbs, etc., used in parts of speech at online English news more easily and more efficient.

1.4 Students who study English can utilize this analysis as a useful source to increase their understanding of parts of speech used in online news, enabling them to read online English news more easily without the pressure having a teacher behind him/her.

1.5 English instructors, teachers, parents and guardians who would like to teach sentence structures by using online news can easily use this case study as their teaching resource to enhance learners’ educational outcome intensively.

2. Recommendation for further Studies

2.1 40 news items of an Online Breaking News English Website from the 13th of September 2013 to the 28th of February 2014 were analyzed in this case study, including collected studies, tools how to use them, which finally shortens the time for collecting data, in order that the teaching outcome will be more reliable and easier to accomplish.

2.2 This study merely covers the analysis of the difference between common nouns and proper nouns used in online news. Further studies should include other kinds of words such as pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections of news as well in order to find out whether the frequencies of occurrences of parts of speech used in online news are slim.

2.3 This study can truly affect the learners to learn the English language by using the “Online Breaking News English” website. It’s certain that this study can provide basic knowledge for those who are interested in studying linguistic elements in any other forms, furthermore studies should analyze the grammatical structures used in English news online as well.

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