

INVESTIGATION OF THE STRUCTURE OF NOMINAL GROUPS IN TELL MAGAZINE EDITORIALS

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ABSTRACT

This study is an investigation of the structure of Nominal Groups used in the editorials of Nigeria news magazine. The data used for the study were editorials of four editions of the Tell Magazine. The data of this study were analyzed based on the ideational and experiential meta-function types of Nominal group. Analysis of the editorials showed that the editor of the Tell magazine used, at a point in time, one of the four structural types of nominal group. Analysis of data also showed that the H- type nominal group was the most prevalent while the HQ- type was the least used. Analysis of the experiential meta-functions showed that the determinative elements were the most frequent modification elements. Analysis further showed that the structural type often used in the editorial of Tell Magazine differs with the other write-ups and reason for this was explained. Finally, findings were discussed and it was recommended that: writers of editorial pages of news magazine should adopt the use of H nominal structure to appropriately pass across their editorial messages, newspaper or magazine that has not been making use of editorial pages should adopt such in their publication and finally studies should be carried out as regards the topic which will make use of editorial of soft sell magazine or other areas of the news magazine beside editorials.

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