

Review of: "Death of English and the Language of the Internet: Mistakes and Errors"

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The article "Death of English and the Language of the Internet: Mistakes and Errors", by K M Baharul Islam aims at identifying and analysing the problem of a poor command of the English language norm among students of management school in India and suggesting the reasons for this problem.

The author carries out a study shortlisting 50 respondents (Business Communication students) to contribute their writings for further analysis of mistakes and errors made by the students. The researcher then handed the answer scripts back to the students during the post-evaluation consultation process to check their own works and made some error corrections. The mistakes, which were not identified by the students, were called errors, classified by the researcher into several groups, and carefully described.

In the next stage, the author interviews the participants to find out their explanations about the numerous faults in the papers. The author confirms his assumption about the constant exposure to social media and other social interaction platforms via the Internet influencing students' spelling and overall use of English to be the main reason of their nonchalant attitude towards the English language norm. Along with this reason, the author points out another one, namely shifting the focus in education in English medium schools in India to 'speaking' or 'communicating' in the language rather than standard language teaching. To support this the author cites the opinions of different schoolteachers.

The obvious advantages of the article are a very deep and detailed background of the English language teaching in India with different methodologies used in teaching and their pluses and minuses, as well as the influence of the Internet on the development of English language skills. These insights help the reader to understand the situation with teaching English in the country and the problems with the language acquisition.

However, I would suggest highlighting the main aim of the study and the objectives of it in the introduction section more clearly and then in the conclusion part summarizing the results of the research according to the objectives stated.

Overall, the article tackles an important problem and is interesting to read.