

Review of: "Lexico-Syntactic Study of English Usage in Online News Responses and Their Implications for 21st-Century Pedagogy"

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I found this article to be very interesting to read. There are several issues with the article that should be improved. The first is that the references are dated. At least half of the references should be published within the past 10 years. Because the references are dated, the relevance of the literature review and introduction is questionable. Second, parts of the article are out of order. The theoretical review and literature review should be before the research questions. Third, the analysis lacks inferential statistics, so the conclusions are not as solid as they could be. Also, I would recommend putting the examples of statements from the readers in tables instead of lists. There are a few other areas where the authors did not stick to APA 7 rules. Examples are as follows:

"Etc." should not be used in a sentence unless within brackets.

A page number is needed for this quote: Just as "a domestic servant does what the master requires, so English in Nigeria is now made to do precisely what Nigerians want it to do" (Adgbija, 2004).

Wikipedia is not a proper reference: Although the update cycle varies for news websites, traditional news media cannot overcome the update speed of news websites (Wikipedia, 2019).

For citations with two authors, use '&' when inside brackets and 'and' when outside: (Henrich and Holmes, 2013). This reference needs to be reformatted.