

ASSESSING THE PROBLEMATIC USE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PARTICLES IN NIGERIAN ENVIRONMENT

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ABSTRACT

The impact of the English language on Nigerian languages and vice versa has clearly transcended the issue of the existence or non-existence of a variety of English called Nigerian English. Indeed the process of standardizing Nigerian English has been set in motion and the problem now confronting Nigerian linguists is that of fixing and distinguishing features of Nigerian English. Various, attempts have been made to point out errors in the use of particles. These errors are manifestations of imperfect approximation to the standard. This paper thus, examines the care freeness with which Nigerians misuse particles on the television and radio, in long essays, at academic engagements, at religious, social or political gatherings.

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