

CHAPTER 3

RESEARCH DESIGN:

3.0 Introduction

The objective of this study is to identify and categorize the types of errors made in writing the daily news by the three major Tamil newspaper reporters. A frequency count of the errors will then be ranked within each category according to frequency of occurrence. The articles were selected at random as the investigator felt that the Tamil newspapers were making at least few errors in each article.

This chapter provides some background information on the sample and the administration of these samples.

3.1 Description of Samples

The investigator has selected 50 articles from three major Tamil newspapers namely Tamil Ne:san, Malaysia Nanpan and Tina Muracu published for one month. All the errors will be identified and categorized. The investigator deliberately chose the newspaper because they are the three main Tamil dailies read by the majority of the Tamil people. The articles were also selected at random as the investigator felt

that these papers were committing errors at almost every articles that appears in their papers. The investigator finds that these errors are at times misleading and is feared that the readers will accept it as a form of writing in future.

Daily newspapers form the main reading material for the public. It is not only the main source of information, it also helps in the development of the language. Many studies have been conducted on the types of errors committed in written tasks. Some of these studies are mentioned in the literature review section of this proposal.

3.2 Analysing the Data

The investigator has randomly selected 50 articles and records all the errors into the various categories. The investigator has also conducted an interview with two editors, namely Mr. Viveganathan from Tamil Ne:san and Mrs. Saratha Kannan from Malaysia Nanpan concerning the errors committed. The frequency of errors according to the categories will be tabulated. The types of categories of errors is not given at this point as the final classification would have to be based on actual errors made by the newspapers taken into account for the proposed study.

3.3 Remedial Measures

The investigator intends to discuss appropriate remedial measures to overcome them.

3.4 Conclusion

Through this study the investigator hopes to identify and classify some of the most common errors that appear in the Tamil newspapers and consequently, attempts to give some suggestions to rectify them in an effort to improve the standard of Tamil language in Malaysia.