

HEDGING DEVICES BY NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCHERS

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the present study was to examine the frequency and different types of hedging devices in Discussion sections of Research Articles (RAs) in the area of Psychology. To this end, 20 RAs in English were selected from the leading journal; 10 by native English speaker researchers and 10 by Iranian researchers. After categorizing hedging devices based on Salager-Meyer's (1994) taxonomy, chi-square procedure utilized and it was found that there was no significant difference between native and non-native writers in terms of utilizing hedging devices in their Discussion sections.

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