

LOANWORDS IN BODO VOCABULARY: A BRIEF STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Bodo language belongs to Assam which falls under the Bodo group of Assam Burmese of the Tibeto-Burman languages of Sino-Tibetan language family. A loanword is a word borrowed from a donor language and incorporated into a recipient language. The study seeks to investigate and establish loanwords in Bodo Vocabulary from the different Indian and foreign group of languages. The study further investigates and establishes the adaptation strategies a loanword undergoes from Indian language family and foreign language family to the Bodo Vocabulary. It also looks at the adaptation strategies a loanword undergoes from different language family so as to be accommodated into Bodo language. The study uses the research methods of interview and questionnaires to collect data from the respondents who are native speakers of the BTAD area. The data is further collected from the secondary data which are related books, thesis and research journals which are given a list of words to give the word equivalents in their sister languages as well as Bodo language. For loanwords data is also collected from the native speakers of sister languages of Bodo like Dimasa, Kokborok etc. The major finding is that there are loanwords in Bodo Vocabulary from Indo-European, Dravidian, Austro-Asiatic language family and foreign language family. The loanwords have to undergo various adaptation strategies so as to be accommodated into the Bodo language of Assam.

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