



African Perspectives on Afro-Linguistics: An Exploration of African Language Structures in Zambia 2004

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Abstract

Afro-Linguistics is a branch of linguistics that studies African languages, their structures, and evolution. In Zambia, there has been limited research on specific aspects of Afro-Linguistics. The study employs qualitative analysis and comparative methods to examine the grammatical features, phonological patterns, and syntactic structures of the selected Zambian language. Field data collection was guided by linguistic anthropology techniques. A specific theme identified within the analysed data is the complex use of vowel harmony in the language's verbal morphology, which differs significantly from other Afro-Asiatic languages studied. The research contributes to the understanding of Zambian language structures and their unique characteristics by providing a detailed analysis that can inform future linguistic studies in Africa. Future researchers are encouraged to extend this study to include more languages within Zambia, potentially leading to broader insights into African linguistics.

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