



The use of the /wa:la:/ suffix: A morphological study

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The suffix /wa:la:/ is used in both word-formation and word-transformation in Hindi, which is known as the national language of India. According to linguistic principles, this stem, which is identified as a suffix, has been interpreted as a suffix as well as a participle in traditional grammar. Three figures of usage can be identified in this stem. These figures represent gender and singular-plural discrimination: /wa:la:/ - masculine, singular, /va:le:/ - masculine, plural, and /wa:li:/ - feminine. This stem are used with nouns and adjectives in the wordformation and the words formed here are transformed according to gender and singular-plural. This stem is used with verbs in the word-transformation and the word formed here is transformed again according to gender and singular-plural. In using this suffix as a grammatical unit, some linguists use this suffix as a single word and some linguists use this suffix as a one word after the affixation. Therefore, the main objective of this study is to analyze the use of this stem according to the morphological principles of the stem and identify the more correct usage. In teaching Hindi as a foreign language, by providing to the student with the correct use of terms, the student approach to the correct use of the language. Therefore, identifying the correct usage of /wa:la:/ stem is very important in the process of teaching Hindi as a foreign language. Determining whether both of these uses of the suffix /wa:la:/ are correct, or what the correct use might be, can be identified as the research problem of propositional research. The research problem in propositional research is to identify whether both of these uses of the suffix /wa:la:/ are correct, or what the correct use might be. It is intended to use Hindi grammar books, morphological books and academic articles as the source of data collection for the proposed research. It is expected to analyze the data of the research based on the qualitative aspects of the collected data and also to reach the conclusion of the research.

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