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Qualitative Research in Applied Linguistics: A Practical Introduction, edited by Juanita Heigham and Robert Croker

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ABSTRACT

¹ is review makes a point in favor of the assertion made for the book that it is a practical introduction to the qualitative research in applied linguistics. The book consists of four parts: an overview of qualitative research, qualitative research methods, qualitative data collection methods, ethical practice issues and the writing of research reports. After proving a rich introduction to the qualitative research, the book discusses qualitative research approaches using a reader-friendly and interactive structure: pre-reading and post-reading questions along with the list of further readings. Then the data collection tools have been thoroughly discussed. What makes this book more useful is the use of illustrative examples for each qualitative research approach and data collection tool. The last part discusses core issues of ethics and drafting a research report. From the perspective of a novice researcher, it has achieved the goal of educating readers about qualitative research methods and data collection tools, as it gradually tracks the reader and provides them with a linking concept for a better understanding. However, reference to one study for both ethnography and case study remains a confusing point. Besides, the review suggests addition of some images to make reading of the book more interesting, especially for visual learners. Besides, a diagram should be given at the end of research methods chapters to outline the steps taken by researchers to do their studies.

Research is a difficult task for teachers engaged in practical activities because it involves a great deal of time and effort. And given their long teaching hours, they are unable to provide both. However, it is essential to enter the field of research because research is critical to the personal and professional growth of academicians. One of the problems faced by most teachers and novice researchers ² this regard is clear understanding of basic research concepts and methods. The *Qualitative Research in Applied Linguistics: An Introduction to Practice*, edited by Juanita Heigham and Robert Croker, is a practical guide with interactive activities for all such researchers, who hope to obtain feasible qualitative research ideas, especially in the field of linguistics. The book mainly aims to to inform the reader of the main qualitative research methods and develop data collection skills among them.

This book is divided into four parts: an overview of qualitative research, qualitative research methods, qualitative data collection methods, ethical practice issues and the writing of research reports. Easy to difficult approach adopted in the chapters and easy-to-understand English makes it very convenient for the general reader. Each chapter discusses an idea and tries to discuss it as a whole. In addition, each chapter begins with a list of pre-reading questions and then discusses the topic extensively

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