

The 'SMS' Style of Communication: Implication on Language Usage among Nigerian University Students

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ABSTRACT Language is a form of social practice often used to create speeches which aids communication. Language plays a major role in interpersonal and inter-group communication. Thus, it encourages individuals to send across messages in each given situation. The use of the SMS style in communication is a language style which is formed intentionally by means of conscious, systematic patterning and implementation. This paper thus examines the SMS style of language communication among Nigeria university students with emphasis on its effects on English language usage. The paper concludes by re-affirming that the frequency of SMS style will generate greater linguistic confusion if it is not controlled.