

M.A. THESIS IN LINGUISTICS

**AN ASSESSMENT OF THE TOOLBOX OF  
ACTIVITIES FOR GRADE 8 IN THE  
RESOURCE GUIDE FOR TEACHERS OF  
ENGLISH**

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## **Abstract**

English as a Life Skill Programme was launched in 2010 to encourage the students of Sri Lankan Schools to speak English our way. This programme was initiated by the Ministry of Education with the guidance and support of the Presidential Task Force on English and IT.

To conduct this programme a Teachers' Guide, the Toolbox of Activities for Spoken English which is a resource guide for teachers of English was distributed to all the English teachers of the country.

This book contains 180 activities, 30 activities each from grade 6 to grade 11. As priority was given to Listening and Speaking skills there are 10 activities for each of these two skills, and 4 activities for each of Reading and Writing activities and 2 activities for Vocabulary.

The main objective of my research is to assess the 30 activities given in the Toolbox for grade 8.

To conduct this assessment a pre test was given prior to doing each activity and a post test after completing the activities and the marks were analyzed.

According to the findings all the activities were found to be useful and productive of skills and their suitability and acceptability for classroom practice was confirmed.