A SOCIO – LINGUISTIC STUDY ON THE REGISTER USED IN AVIATION Muththunga, M.M.S.C.¹

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In linguistics, register is defined as a variety of language determined by subject matter. Generally, a switch into a particular register engages little more than turning to a particular set of words associated with the setting or else a style of language used in a particular context. According to the task and action, used jargons are differed. The objectives of this research study are to enumerate the aviation terminology along with the aviation alphabet and ascertaining the use of a specific set of words within the aviation field. This study has been limited to a selected lingo used by aviation personnel. Data is gathered by field observations and referring to IATA (International Air Transport Association), CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) approved documents. A specific alphabet is used to prevent misunderstandings in conveying information in the aviation field. Aviation jargon is used by airline crews to communicate about aviation related hardware, actions and titles. This investigation is mainly focused on these three areas and the aviation alphabet as well. So through this aviation register, degree in formality and stylistic variation in language consisted in airline terms are reflected.

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