

## EXPLORING THE SOURCES OF MOTHER TONGUE DIALECT RELATED WORDS IN THE SOCIETY: FOCUS ON WOLAITA LANGUAGE

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The objective of the study to investigate the causes of mother tongue dialect related words /variation in the case of Wolaita Language in Wolaita Zone, Ethiopia. The total participants of the study were forty (40). Two instruments i.e questionnaire and interview were used to collect data. The researcher used qualitative and quantitative data analysis method to find research results. Therefore, the study disclosed that geographic variation and diversity in social relationship were the causes of mother tongue dialect related words. It also clearly stated that trade transactions, less emphasize towards mother tongue instruction were also some of the causes of mother tongue dialect related words. Hence, it was recommended that in order to mitigate dialect related words /expressions in mother tongue, all concerned bodies especially the educated ones and officials like Zone and district culture and tourism departments should work more to standardize Wolaita language.*

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