

## **THE INTERFERENCE ERRORS OF VIETNAMESE SPEAKERS IN EXPRESSING TEMPORAL MEANING IN ENGLISH**

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### **ABSTRACT**

This article aims at explaining errors made by Vietnamese speakers in expressing temporal meaning through the use of tenses and aspects in English. It is hypothesized that Vietnamese speakers make temporal errors in English due to typological differences between English and Vietnamese and inter-lingual interference problems. The population of this study was Vietnamese office employees from business-related companies and academic institutions, using English for instruction and communication on a regular basis. The findings revealed that Vietnamese speakers made errors in denoting temporal meaning due to negative transfer of the Vietnamese language, and differences in temporal cognition between Vietnamese and English.

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