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Preface

Research encroached into any aspects of human life. Education is not an exception. Raw data out of a research cannot be used for the purpose of decision making. That is why analysis of data is a preliminary step for any judgments and evaluations. Without the analysis of the data, one cannot make any fruitful decisions. SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences) is one among many software data analysis Software's . It offers a vast statistical analysis for analyzing collected data in a research project. The author intends to introduce this software to EFL (English as a Foreign Language) learners and perspective researchers in a simple way as possible and make this platform easy to use.

This book can be of great help for newcomers to the research in EFL for a number of reasons. Every effort has been taken to make use of this software as simple as possible. The whole package in sixteen chapters was designed in a way that readers of the book get the necessary information about the required statistical technique for their own research context, its logic and also insightful guidelines for the interpretation of data. In each chapter, one statistical technique was introduced in terms of the required attributes, its required assumptions and presentation and interpretation of the results. In addition, each chapter included a sample research question that was analyzed in terms of its attributes and justification of why and which statistical technique should be used. How the results of the sample

data analysis should be interpreted was also discussed. Besides, a compact disk including the sample data and output results accompanies the book for students' self practices. The data is real data based on the authors' research, publications and thesis advisories. Words of gratitude are expressed to all the colleagues and students who helped me in writing this book.

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