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Preface

One of the key requirements for conducting any research project is the ability to tackle relevant statistical analysis. IBM SPSS Statistics is a project dating back to 1968 at Stanford University, California. As a result of its growing popularity, many SPSS textbooks have been published the majority of which have combined SPSS with statistics. This has been refrained in the current book making the textbook less frustrating for those who have an inadequate familiarity with theoretical statistics.

The present book is tailor-made for the students of applied linguistics providing a practical guide on using SPSS for the students of TEFL, linguistics and translation studies. Designing an appropriate SPSS template for data entry and identifying a suitable research technique are the two crucial aspects of statistical analysis. The current book helps the readers to meet the above two objectives

The book offers 16 different chapters on various aspects of statistics covering both parametric and non-parametric procedures. The textbook offers a step by step guide on what you need to analyze the data. Each chapter is furnished with a variety of exercises in the field of applied linguistics making the book prominent compared to other books written on SPSS.

All instructions in this book are based on SPSS version 22, but the users of other versions of SPSS (16 through 21) won't face much difficulty in following the instructions. All of the data files used throughout the book are available in the accompanying CD.

I hope that the book will serve as a facilitator in handling statistical analyses required by all who are dealing with language-related endeavors.