**Tables used in the text**

**Table 1 showing the data used and size of the corpus**

**L2 undergraduate writing Corpus size in words Number of essays**

Media Studies Texts 33 825 20

Primary Education Texts 36 572 20

**Table 2: The total number of reporting verbs and frequency of use per 1000 words**

**Corpus N (in total corpus) f/1000 words**

**Primary Education 158 4.26**

**Media studies 39 1.16**

**Table 3: Summary of results of t-tests for use of reporting verbs in Primary Education and Media Studies writing**

**mean T df sig (2 tailed)**

-3.074 38 0.04 (significant)

Primary Education 7.75

Media Studies 1.95