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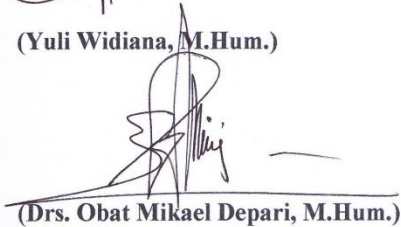
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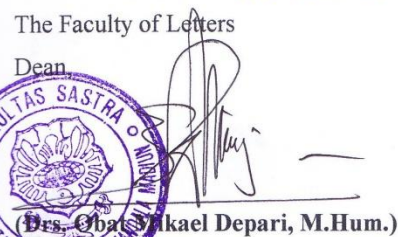


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ABSTRACT

DIAH APRILIANA (2011). A STUDY ON ENGLISH NOUN PHRASES IN RELATION TO STRUCTURES OF MODIFICATION.

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This study discusses English noun phrases. It focuses on three problems namely, the patterns of English noun phrases in relation to structures of modification and the categories as well as the forms of modifiers in English noun phrases.

This research is descriptive in nature, which involves the following steps: collecting, classifying, and analyzing the data. The source of the data is the English novel *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* written by J. K. Rowling. The population of this research is all of the sentences containing noun phrases within them. To obtain the sample, this research applies purposive sampling.

In terms of its pattern, a noun phrase may be of modifier – head (M – H), of head – modifier (H – M), and of modifier – head – modifier (M – H – M). Besides, due to its category, modifier may be a noun, a verb, an adjective, an adverb, or a function word. Meanwhile, in relation to its form, modifier may be a word, a phrase, or a clause.

The data analysis shows that in terms of its pattern, 91 English noun phrases (50%) are English noun phrases with the pattern M – H, 25 English noun phrases (13,74%) are English noun phrases with the pattern H – M, and 66 English noun phrases (36,26%) are English noun phrases with the pattern M – H – M. Next, the modifiers within the noun phrases are 341 in number. They are 21 nouns (6,16%) as modifier, 33 verbs (9,68%) as modifier, 103 adjectives (30,21%) as modifier, 3 adverbs (0,88%) as modifier, and 181 function words (53,08%) as modifier. Furthermore, the modifiers in the form of word are 256 in number including 229 simple words (89,45%), 6 compound words (2,34%), and 21 complex words (8,20). Then, the modifiers in the form of phrase are 61 in number. They include 7 noun phrases (11,48%), 15 verbal phrases (24,59%), 2 adjective phrases (3,28%), and 37 prepositional phrases (60,66%). Meanwhile, the modifiers in the form of clause are 24 in number including 21 adjective clauses (87,50%) as modifier and 3 noun clauses (12,50%) as modifier.

ABSTRAK

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Penelitian ini membahas penggunaan frasa nominal dalam bahasa Inggris. Penulis dihadapkan pada tiga masalah, yaitu pola frasa nominal dalam bahasa Inggris yang berhubungan dengan struktur modifikasi dan kategori serta bentuk *modifier* frasa nominal dalam bahasa Inggris.

Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif yang meliputi tahapan berupa mengumpulkan, mengklasifikasikan, dan menganalisis data. Data berasal dari novel berbahasa Inggris *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* karangan J.K. Rowling. Populasinya merupakan seluruh kalimat yang memiliki frasa nominal di dalamnya. Untuk memperoleh sampel, penelitian ini menerapkan *purposive sampling*.

Dari segi pola, frasa nominal dalam bahasa Inggris tersebut berupa *modifier – head* (M – H), *head – modifier* (H – M), dan *modifier – head – modifier* (M – H – M). Selain itu, berdasarkan kategori, *modifier* dapat berupa *noun*, *verb*, *adjective*, *adverb*, atau *function word*. Sementara itu, dari segi bentuk, *modifier* dapat berupa *word*, *phrase*, atau *clause*.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa dari segi pola, 91 frasa nominal dalam bahasa Inggris (50%) adalah frasa nominal dalam bahasa Inggris dengan pola M – H, 25 frasa nominal dalam bahasa Inggris (13,74%) adalah frasa nominal dalam bahasa Inggris dengan pola H – M, dan 66 frasa nominal dalam bahasa Inggris (36,26%) adalah frasa nominal dalam bahasa Inggris dengan pola M – H – M. Kemudian, *modifiers* dalam frasa nominal berjumlah 341. *Modifiers* tersebut adalah 21 *nouns* (6,16%) sebagai *modifier*, 33 *verbs* (9,68%) sebagai *modifier*, 103 *adjectives* (30,21%) sebagai *modifier*, 3 *adverbs* (0,88%) sebagai *modifier*, dan 181 *function words* (53,08%) sebagai *modifier*. Selanjutnya, *modifiers* dalam bentuk kata berjumlah 256 meliputi 229 *simple words* (89,45%), 6 *compound words* (2,34%), dan 21 *complex words* (8,20). Lalu, *modifiers* dalam bentuk frasa berjumlah 61. *Modifiers* tersebut meliputi 7 *noun phrases* (11,48%), 15 *verbal phrases* (24,59%), 2 *adjective phrases* (3,28%), dan 37 *prepositional phrases* (60,66%). Sementara itu, *modifiers* dalam bentuk klausa berjumlah 24 meliputi 21 *adjective clauses* (87,50%) sebagai *modifier* dan 3 *noun clauses* (12,50%) sebagai *modifier*.

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