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IN GRAHAM GREENE'S *THE LIVING ROOM*



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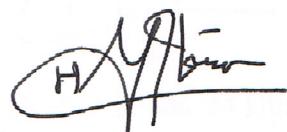
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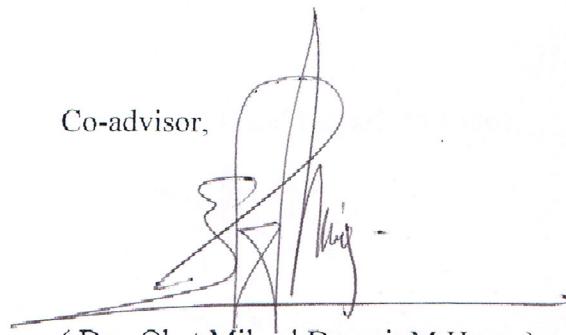
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## **ABSTRAK**

Penelitian ini membahas tentang penggunaan konstruksi elipsis (pelesapan) dalam bahasa Inggris. Dalam penelitian ini, penulis menganalisa dua masalah, yaitu jenis dan kalimat yang sebenarnya dari konstruksi – konstruksi elipsis dalam bahasa Inggris yang terdapat dalam drama yang berjudul *The Living Room* karangan dari Graham Greene.

Metode yang digunakan dalam tesis ini adalah metode deskriptif. Metode ini digunakan dengan tahapan sebagai berikut: mengumpulkan, mengklasifikasikan, dan menganalisis data.

Lebih jauh lagi, dalam penelitian ini, peneliti membahas tiga macam elipsis. Yaitu elipsis nominal, elipsis verbal, dan elipsis klausal. Penulis menemukan 100 kalimat yang mengalami proses elipsis di dalam drama yang berjudul *The Living Room*. Analisis data menunjukkan bahwa 28 data (28 %) merupakan elipsis nominal yang terdiri atas 26 data elipsis nominal tanpa substitusi dan 3 data elipsis nominal dengan substitusi. Selanjutnya, 19 data (19 %) merupakan elipsis verbal yang terdiri atas 13 data elipsis verbal tanpa substitusi dan 6 data elipsis verbal dengan substitusi. Lebih jauh lagi, 53 data (53 %) merupakan elipsis klausal yang terdiri atas 49 data elipsis klausal tanpa substitusi dan 4 data elipsis klausal dengan substitusi.

## ABSTRACT

This research discusses the use of English elliptical constructions. In this research, the researcher analyzes the two problems, namely the kinds of English elliptical constructions and the real sentences from which the English elliptical constructions are derived in Graham Greene's *The Living Room*.

The method of research used in this research is descriptive method. This method uses some steps: collecting, classifying, and analyzing the data. The data consist of words, phrases, and clauses which undergo elliptical processes taken from *The Living Room* play.

Furthermore, in this research the researcher discusses three kinds of ellipsis. They are nominal ellipsis, verbal ellipsis, and clausal ellipsis. The researcher finds 100 sentences which undergo elliptical processes in *The Living Room* play. The data analysis shows that 28 data (28 %) are nominal ellipsis which include 26 data of nominal ellipsis without substitution and 3 data of nominal ellipsis with substitution. Next, 19 data (19 %) are verbal ellipsis which include 13 data of verbal ellipsis without substitution and 6 data of verbal ellipsis with substitution. Furthermore, 53 data (53 %) are clausal ellipsis which include 49 data of clausal ellipsis without substitution and 4 data of clausal ellipsis with substitution.

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