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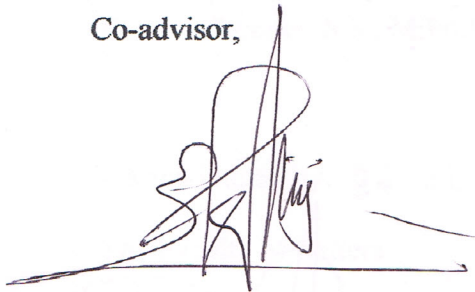
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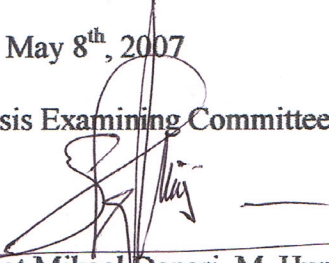
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## ABSTRACT

The main problem in this thesis is prepositional phrases. Prepositional phrases are a group of words consisting of a preposition and its object, including any modifiers of that object. These can be analyzed from their functions and their similarities and differences in Indonesian.

In this research, the researcher uses descriptive method because it is considered as the most appropriate method in relation to the problems of this research. This method uses some steps: collecting, classifying and analyzing the data. At last, the writer makes the conclusion. Meanwhile, the data of this research are sentences which contain prepositional phrases found in *Newsweek* magazine. In fact, the population of this research is only 75 sentences, so it is not too large in number to analyze. That is why, this study applies total sampling. It means that all of the data are analyzed one by one.

There are two functions of prepositional phrases to discuss in this research. They are an adjective and an adverb. Functions as an adjective include modifier of noun and modifier of pronoun. The total number of this function is 32 data (42, 67%). Functions as an adverb include modifier of verb, modifier of adjective, modifier of adverb, modifier of sentence, and as complement. The total number of this function is 43 data (57, 3%). Moreover, there is a problem which is not found in the data namely, prepositional phrase functioning as objective complement.

Besides, this research also discusses the equivalents of those prepositional phrases as well as the similarities and the differences in Indonesian. The equivalent of English and Indonesian prepositional phrases could be seen from the form in the sentence. The similarity of both prepositional phrase lies on the structure and the function. While, the differences lay on the rendering of the English prepositional phrases. English prepositional phrases may be a simple noun. They are not in the form of prepositional phrase either.



## ABSTRAK

Permasalahan utama dalam penelitian ini adalah prepositional phrase. Prepositional phrase adalah kelompok kata yang terdiri dari preposisi dan obyek preposisi termasuk beberapa pelengkap dari obyek preposisi. Prepositional phrase ini dapat dianalisa dari fungsi-fungsinya dan persamaan serta perbedaannya dalam bahasa Indonesia.

Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti menggunakan metode deskriptif karena metode ini dianggap paling sesuai di dalam menganalisis permasalahan yang ada. Metode ini digunakan dengan tahapan mengumpulkan, mengklasifikasi, menganalisis data, dan yang terakhir menyimpulkan. Data yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah kalimat yang mengandung prepositional phrase yang ditemukan dalam majalah Newsweek. Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti menggunakan total sampling karena seluruh data yang diperoleh hanya 75 prepositional phrase yang terdapat dalam 75 kalimat, sehingga memungkinkan untuk dianalisis satu per satu.

Penelitian ini membahas tentang dua fungsi prepositional phrase, yaitu fungsi sebagai adjektif dan adverb. Fungsi sebagai adjektif meliputi modifier kata benda dan modifier kata ganti orang. Hasil yang diperoleh dari fungsi ini adalah 32 data (42, 67%). Fungsi sebagai adverb meliputi modifier kata kerja, modifier kata sifat, modifier kata keterangan, modifier seluruh kalimat, dan sebagai pelengkap. Hasil dari fungsi ini adalah 43 data (57, 3%). Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa tidak semua data dapat mewakili permasalahan yang ada. Misalnya, tidak ada data yang mewakili prepositional phrase yang berfungsi sebagai objective complement.

Selain itu penelitian ini juga membahas tentang kesamaan prepositional phrase dalam bahasa Inggris dan Indonesia yang meliputi persamaan dan perbedaannya. Selanjutnya, persamaan antara prepositional phrase dalam bahasa Inggris dan bahasa Indonesia dapat dilihat dari bentuknya dalam kalimat. Kesamaan ciri antara prepositional phrase dalam bahasa Inggris dan bahasa Indonesia dapat dilihat dari struktur dan fungsinya dalam kalimat. Sementara itu, perbedaannya terletak pada terjemahannya, yaitu prepositional phrase dalam bahasa Inggris bisa berbentuk kata benda sederhana dan bukan merupakan prepositional phrase lagi dalam bahasa Indonesia.

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