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ABSTRACT

In this research, the writer discusses Informative Question that occurs in "The Jakarta Post" daily newspaper. The writer wants to study deeper about Informative Question by analyzing the structure of English Informative Question and the similarities and differences of English Informative Question and Indonesian.

This research uses descriptive research. The data are taken from "The Jakarta Post" newspaper of March 2004. To analyze the English Informative Question and its equivalence in Indonesian, the writer uses distributional and equivalent methods. The data are analyzed descriptively.

After analyzing the data, it can be concluded that the structure of English Informative Questions are: *what* (32, 7%) as *what + linking verb* (6, 4%), *what + auxiliary verb* (15, 5 %), *what + did* versus *what + V₂* (3,6%), *what time + auxiliary* (0,9%), *what kind of + object + auxiliary* (1, 8%), *what else + auxiliary* (0,9%), *what + auxiliary + look like* (0,9%), and *what + modal* (1,8%); *when* (8,2 %) as *when + modal* (1, 8%), *when + did* (3, 6%), and *when + auxiliary* (1, 8%); *where* (6, 4 %) as *where + linking verb* (3, 2%), *where + did* (2, 3%), and *where + modal* (0, 9%); *which* (3,6 %) as *which one + modal* (0, 9%) and *which + auxiliary* (2, 7%); *why* (14,5 %) as *why + don't + subject* (4, 6 %), *why + did* (2, 7 %), *why + subject + V₂* (1, 8%), *why + auxiliary* (2, 7%) and *why + modal* (2, 7%); *who* (10, 8 %) as *who + auxiliary* (3, 6 %), *who + V₂* (2, 7 %), *who + linking verb* (2, 6%), and *who + modal* (0, 9%); *whom* (0,9 %) as *whom + did + preposition* (0, 9%); *whose* (2, 7 %) as *whose + object + linking verb* (1, 8%) and *whose + object + auxiliary* (0, 9%) and *how* (20,5%) as *how + many* (4, 5 %), *how + auxiliary* (3, 6 %), *how + adverb* (0, 9%), *how + modal* (3, 6 %), *how + did* (3, 6%), *how + adjective + modal* (0, 9%) and *how much + auxiliary* (0, 9%)

Based on the similarities, both English and Indonesian Informative Questions use question words. Besides, it is marked with the question mark in written. In spoken, it is accompanied by falling intonation in the end of question.

The differences of English and Indonesian informative question indicate that English auxiliary may function as helping verb and verb as predicate. Otherwise, Indonesian has no auxiliary functioning as helping verb. The question words in English informative question cannot easily be shifted in the initial, middle, or final position. Indonesian question words may be shifted in all positions. Besides, English does not have any particle. Indonesian has particle kah to emphasize or to stress the question.

ABSTRAK

Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti mendiskusikan *Informative Question* yang ada di koran harian “The Jakarta Post”. Penulis ingin mempelajari lebih mendalam tentang *Informative Question* dengan menganalisis struktur *Informative Question* dalam bahasa Inggris serta mempelajari persamaan dan perbedaan *Informative Question* dalam bahasa Inggris dan Indonesia.

Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif. Data yang berupa *Informative Question* dikumpulkan dari harian “The Jakarta Post” bulan Maret 2004 dan dianalisis dengan menggunakan metode distribusional dan metode padan.

Berdasarkan hasil analisis, struktur English *Informative Questions* terbagi menjadi: *what* (32, 7%) terdiri dari *what + linking verb* (6, 4%), *what + auxiliary verb* (15, 5 %), *what + did* versus *what + V₂* (3,6%), *what time + auxiliary* (0,9%), *what kind of + object + auxiliary* (1, 8%), *what else + auxiliary* (0,9%), *what + auxiliary + look like* (0,9%), dan *what + modal* (1,8%); *when* (8,2 %) terdiri dari *when + modal* (1, 8%), *when + did* (3, 6%), dan *when + auxiliary* (1, 8%); *where* (6, 4 %) as *where + linking verb* (3, 2%), *where + did* (2, 3%), dan *where + modal* (0, 9%); *which* (3,6 %) terdiri dari *which one + modal* (0, 9%) dan *which + auxiliary* (2, 7%); *why* (14,5 %) terdiri dari *why + don't + subject* (4, 6 %), *why + did* (2, 7 %), *why + subject + V₂* (1, 8%), *why + auxiliary* (2, 7%) dan *why + modal* (2, 7%); *who* (10, 8 %) terdiri dari *who + auxiliary* (3, 6 %), *who + V₂* (2, 7 %), *who + linking verb* (2, 6%), dan *who + modal* (0, 9%); *whom* (0,9 %) terdiri dari *whom + did + preposition* (0, 9%); *whose* (2, 7 %) terdiri atas *whose + object + linking verb* (1, 8%) dan *whose + object + auxiliary* (0, 9%); sedangkan *how* (20,5%) terdiri dari *how + many* (4, 5 %), *how + auxiliary* (3, 6 %), *how + adverb* (0, 9%), *how + modal* (3, 6 %), *how + did* (3, 6%), *how + adjective + modal* (0, 9%) dan *how much + auxiliary* (0, 9%).

Persamaan antara *Informative Question* dalam bahasa Inggris dan bahasa Indonesia adalah adanya penggunaan kata tanya yang diikuti intonasi turun di akhir kalimat. Sedangkan perbedaan *Informative Question* dalam bahasa Inggris dan bahasa Indonesia terletak pada penggunaan kata bantu yang berfungsi untuk membantu kata kerja dalam pembentukan predikat. Sebaliknya, bahasa Indonesia tidak memiliki kata bantu yang berfungsi untuk membantu kata kerja dalam pembentukan predikat. Kata tanya dalam bahasa Inggris tidak mudah berpindah ke depan, tengah atau diakhir kalimat. Dalam bahasa Indonesia, kata tanya bisa dipindahkan ke depan, tengah atau akhir kalimat. Selain itu, bahasa Inggris tidak mempunyai partikel tetapi dalam bahasa Indonesia terdapat partikel kah.

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