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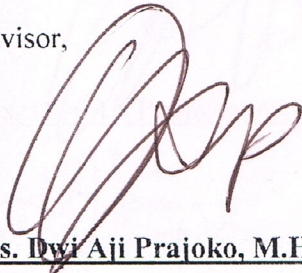
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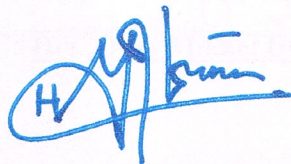
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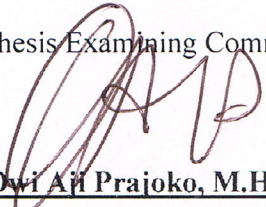
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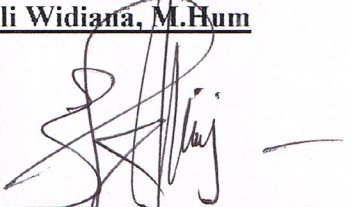
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ABSTRACT

This research discusses the prepositions of time *at*, *on*, and *in* in English and Indonesian. The writer wants to study deeper about prepositions of time *at*, *on*, and *in* in English and Indonesian by analyzing the structure of prepositions of time *at*, *on*, and *in* in English, and the similarities and differences of prepositions of time *at*, *on* and *in* in English and Indonesian.

The writer uses the descriptive method in making this research, by collecting the data, classifying the data and making analysis. At last, the writer gives the conclusion. The source of data in making this research is the sentence or phrases taken from the *Holland Horizon* magazine.

Based on the research, the writer finds that preposition of time *in* which consist of 29 data (48,3%) are classified into 2 forms; preposition *in* + *proper noun* (18,3%) and preposition *in* + *noun phrase* (30%). Preposition *on* which consist of 18 data (30%) are classified into 2 forms; preposition *on* + *proper noun* (25%) and preposition *on* + *noun phrase* (5%). And the last preposition *at* which consist of 13 data (21,7%) are classified into 2 forms; preposition *at* + *proper noun* (3,3%) and preposition *at* + *noun phrase* (18,3%).

The similarities of English prepositions of time *at*, *on*, and *in* and their equivalents in Indonesian could be seen both of them have the same structure in the sentence that is *preposition* + *noun*. Beside that, English prepositions of time *at*, *on*, and *in* and its equivalents in Indonesian have the same function to modify noun.

The difference between English prepositions of time *at*, *on*, and *in* and their equivalents is on the usage. English prepositions of time *at*, *on*, and *in* have specific usage and more detailed in classification. Indonesian prepositions of time *pada* and *di* also has specific usage, but not as detailed as English prepositions of time *at*, *on*, and *in*.

ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini mendiskusikan tentang kata depan yang menunjukkan waktu dalam bahasa Inggris dan bahasa Indonesia. Penulis ingin mempelajari lebih dalam tentang kata depan waktu *at*, *on*, dan *in* dalam bahasa Inggris dan bahasa Indonesia dengan menganalisis struktur kata depan waktu *at*, *on*, dan *in* dalam bahasa Inggris dan menganalisis persamaan dan perbedaan kata depan waktu *at*, *on*, dan *in* dalam bahasa Inggris dan padanannya dalam bahasa Indonesia.

Penulis menggunakan metode deskriptif dalam membuat penelitian ini dengan cara mengumpulkan data kemudian mengklasifikasikan data dan membuat analisis, akhirnya penulis memberikan simpulan. Sumber data dalam pembuatan penelitian ini adalah kalimat atau frase yang diambil dari majalah *Holland Horizon*.

Berdasarkan hasil penelitian, penulis menemukan bahwa kata depan *in* sebanyak 29 data (48,3%) yang diklasifikasikan ke dalam 2 bentuk ; kata depan *in* + *proper noun* (18,3%) dan kata depan *in* + *noun phrase* (30%). Kata depan *on* sebanyak 18 data (30%) yang diklasifikasikan ke dalam 2 bentuk ; kata depan *on* + *proper noun* (25%) dan kata depan *on* + *noun phrase* (5%). Terakhir adalah kata depan *at* sebanyak 13 data (21,7%) yang diklasifikasikan ke dalam 2 bentuk ; kata depan *at* + *proper noun* (3,3%) dan kata depan *at* + *noun phrase* (18,3%).

Persamaan kata depan waktu *at*, *on*, dan *in* dalam bahasa Inggris dan padanannya dalam bahasa Indonesia adalah keduanya mempunyai struktur yang sama dalam kalimat yaitu *kata depan* + *kata benda*. Selain itu kata depan waktu *at*, *on*, dan *in* dalam bahasa Inggris dan padanannya dalam bahasa Indonesia mempunyai fungsi yang sama yaitu untuk memodifikasi kata benda.

Perbedaan kata depan waktu *at*, *on*, dan *in* dalam bahasa Inggris dan padanannya dalam bahasa Indonesia menunjukkan bahwa keduanya mempunyai perbedaan penggunaan. Kata depan waktu *at*, *on*, dan *in* dalam bahasa Inggris mempunyai penggunaan yang lebih khusus. Sedangkan penggunaan kata depan *pada* dan *di* dalam bahasa Indonesia tidak sedetail dalam bahasa Inggris.

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