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“God write the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on the trees and flowers and clouds and stars”

Marthin Luther

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SUMMARY

This thesis analyzes the verb phrase in different types of sentences from the articles which are taken from *the Voice of America* by using tree diagram analysis. The goal of this thesis is to know the types of sentences found in some articles of *the Voice of America*, to show the verb phrase found, and to present the structure of the verb phrase from different types of sentences using the tree diagram analysis, in order to help the readers in understanding the verb phrase or getting the message of the articles.

Generally, a sentence consists of at least a subject and a predicate. Subject refers to noun or noun phrase, on the other hand, predicate refers to verb or verb phrase. VP is another important element besides NP in a sentence because VP shows the action of the the subject. A sentence would not be a complete sentence if this element (VP) is missing. There are three problems to discuss in this thesis. They are: what types of sentences are found in some articles of *the Voice of America,* what verb phrases are found in some articles of *the Voice of America,* and how the structure of verb phrase from different types of sentences in some articles of *the Voice of America.* They are represented by using the tree diagram analysis.

This thesis uses deskwork research which is applied by gathering the information and the data from several books, qualitative data where the data are not in the form of numbers, documentary study, and descriptive method. Concerning with the types of sentences, it is concluded that 36 selected sentences are divided into 19 simple sentences, 4 compound sentences, 11 complex sentences, and 2 compound-complex sentences. The verb phrase can stand alone with a verb only, or sometimes combined with other participants such as PP, NP, AdjP, AdvP, and every VP can be represented by using tree diagram analysis.

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