

**AN ANALYSIS OF VERB AND VERB PHRASE DEVIATION IN A FAN FICTION STORY
THE BIG FIVE: KNIGHT PRINCESS IN WATTPAD (ANALISA PENYIMPANGAN KATA KERJA
DAN FRASA KATA KERJA DI SEBUAH CERITA FIKSI PENGGEMAR BERJUDUL THE BIG FIVE:
KNIGHT PRINCESS DI WATTPAD)**

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Abstrak

Kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja yang berfungsi sebagai predikat merupakan bagian sentral dalam sebuah kalimat karena menunjukkan aksi dari subyek (Frank, 1972). Dalam memproduksi kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja, pelajar diharapkan untuk mengerti dan mengaplikasikan aturan yang benar sehingga penyimpangan kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja tidak terjadi. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk menunjukkan deskripsi tentang tipe-tipe kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja yang salah yang ditemukan di obyek, untuk mengetahui tipe kesalahan kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja yang dominan, dan untuk menyediakan ekspresi yang disarankan dari bentuk yang salah. Data dalam penelitian diambil dari 187 kalimat yang terdiri dari 223 kesalahan kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja sebagai predikat. Kesalahan kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja dikategorikan berdasarkan Surface Strategy Taxonomy oleh Dulay et al. (1982), namun archi-forms yang merupakan subkategori dari tipe misformation tidak diaplikasikan karena tidak mengkategorikan kesalahan kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja. Metode analisa data di penelitian ini berdasarkan dari cara Ellis (in Saville-Troike, 2006) : pengumpulan, pengidentifikasian, pendeskripsian, penjelasan, dan evaluasi kesalahan. Namun, evaluasi kesalahan tidak digunakan di penelitian ini karena penelitian ini tidak berfokus pada tingkat keseriusan kesalahan. Hasilnya menunjukkan bahwa tipe kesalahan kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja yang paling dominan adalah misformation dan alternating forms sebagai subkategorinya yang mendapat 39.01%.

Kata Kunci: Kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja, penyimpangan kata kerja dan frasa kata kerja, surface strategy taxonomy by Dulay et al. (1982), error.

Abstract

Verb and verb phrase that functions as predicate are the central part in a sentence because they show an action of the subject (Frank, 1972). In producing verb and verb phrase, the learners are expected to understand and apply the correct form so that the verb and verb phrase deviation do not occur. The purposes of this study are to show the description about the types of verb and verb phrase errors found on the object, to know the most dominant verb and verb phrase error type, and to provide the appropriate expression from the erroneous form. The data are taken from 187 sentences that consists of 223 verb and verb phrase errors as predicate. The categories of verb and verb phrase errors are based on Surface Strategy Taxonomy by Dulay et al. (1982), but archi-forms that is subcategory of misformation type is not applied since it does not categorize verb and verb phrase error. The data analysis method of this research is based on Ellis' ways (in Saville-Troike, 2006) : collection, identification, description, explanation, and evaluation of errors. However, evaluation is not used in this research because this research does not focus on the seriousness of errors. The findings show that the most dominant verb and verb phrase error type is misformation and alternating forms as its subcategory which gets 39.01%.

Key Words: Verb and verb phrase, verb and verb phrase deviation, surface strategy taxonomy by Dulay et al (1982), errors.

Introduction

There are many ways to learn English as a foreign language. One of them is utilizing digital application such as wattpad. Wattpad is one of the applications in which users wherever they come from can develop their ability in not only reading skill but also practicing the English lesson they have got by posting their works like articles, stories, fan fiction, and poems. It is also “a leader in this new storytelling environment, with more than two million writers producing 100,000 pieces of material a day for 20 million readers on an intricate international social network” (Streitfeld, 2014).

The Big Five: Knight Princess is one of the collected works in wattpad that forms a fan fiction story which has more than seven thousand readers (Ardhita, 2014). According to number of the readers the author has obtained, it is a great achievement since most of users come from other countries. Nevertheless, the author is a foreign language learner (FLL) who comes from Indonesia. She is a student of grade XI in junior high school. She is also influenced by her first language rules and several errors or deviation appear on her work especially verb and verb phrase deviation as predicate, for example: “I think so. They would be a perfect couple”. The sentence should be “I think so. They will be a perfect couple”.

Verb and verb phrase as predicate is an important part in a sentence since it explains subject's activity or action (Frank, 1972). Verb and verb phrases as predicate that deviate will influence the readers because they are the important element which always appear in a sentence. The imitation of the erroneous verb and verb phrase is definitely going to be applied in the future time due to the number of the readers. In addition, wattpad does not provide a grammar and spelling checking system.

In accordance with the phenomena, the current study seek to identify verb and verb phrase errors in the fan fiction. It aims to answer following questions:

1. What types of verb and verb phrase errors are found on the fan fiction story?
2. What type of verb and verb phrase error is dominantly made by the author?
3. What are the suggested expressions of the erroneous verb and verb phrase?

Concerning with the research question, this study has three purposes. They are:

1. To give clear description about the error types of verb and verb phrase found on the fan fiction story.

2. To show the dominant type of verb and verb phrase error committed by the author.

3. To provide the appropriate expression from the erroneous form.

Research Method

This research uses both qualitative and quantitative research. This study applies quantitative research to count the types of verb and verb phrase error that occur on the story and to know the dominant type of the error. After counting, it will be interpreted and explained. The interpretation and explanation includes qualitative research. Besides, deskwork method is also done in this research. It means that the data and other information are taken from literary work.

The whole population of verb and verb phrase on the object is selected to get valid and complete data. 233 sentences are identified containing verb and verb phrase errors and 187 sentences of them consist of verb and verb phrase errors as predicate that are used as the data. The sentences used as the data contain 223 verb and verb phrase errors as predicate.

The types of data are qualitative and quantitative data. In this study, verb and verb phrase errors found on the object are as the source of qualitative data. Then, the source of quantitative data is the data that are the statistical form of the verb and verb phrase deviation. The quantitative data are obtained from calculation of verb and verb phrase error types or classifications that occur on the object of this research which applies surface strategy taxonomy (Dulay *et al*, 1982).

In collecting data and processing them, this study firstly starts to collect qualitative data and processes them. Then, the researcher collects the quantitative data from the verb and verb phrase errors found that have been classified and counted to find the frequency and percentage of occurrence.

This study applies data analysis method by Ellis (in Saville-Troike, 2006). They are collection, identification, description, explanation, and evaluation of errors. However, evaluation step is omitted in this study since this study does not concern with the seriousness of errors.

Results

The analysis shows that the total of sentences which consist of verb and verb phrase errors in fan fiction story *The Big Five: Knight Princess* from prologue until chapter nine are 233 sentences and 187 sentences of those sentences which contain 223 verb and verb phrase errors as predicate are used as the data of this study. Those verb and verb phrase errors have been collected and categorized into several categories and subcategories of error based on surface strategy taxonomy by Dulay *et al* (1982). After collecting and categorizing, the percentages

of verb and verb phrase deviation in each type are gained by using basic percentage counting by Ali (1993). The total of each type of verb and verb phrase errors are shown in the table below.

Table 1. The Calculation of Verb Phrase Errors

Categories and Subcategories of Verb Phrase Error	Total	Percentage
Omission	75	33.63 %
Addition- Double Markings	2	0.9 %
Addition- Regularization	9	4.03 %
Addition- Simple Addition	47	21.08%
Misformation- Regularization	1	0.45 %
Misformation- Alternating Forms	87	39.01%
Misordering	2	0.9 %
Total	223	100.00%

Discussion

The most dominant type of verb and verb phrase error found in the object is **misformation** and **alternating forms** as its category. This type gets 87 errors and 39.01%. It means that the author (a foreign language learner) gets difficulties in understanding and applying verb and verb phrase construction in sentences. It can be caused by tenses, subject verb agreement, and the interference of first language, for example “Hiccup ride Toothless and **flew** away”.

Then, **omission** is in the second position. It has 75 errors and 33.63%. The author seemingly does not care for several important element in a sentence so that she often reduce them, such as **be**, **-ing** in continuous tense, auxiliaries, etc. It often happens because Indonesian as her first language has influenced her. Indonesian does not have those elements like English. The example is “I always welcomed to their house and vice versa”. The author deletes **be** in this sentence.

The third place is **addition and simple addition as its subcategory**. It has 47 errors and 21.08%. From the results above, the researcher assumes that the author cannot understand what element that need and do not need to be put in a sentence. For instance “The family was indeed cared for me”. The author adds suffix **be** in this active sentence.

Next is **regularization in addition type**. The total of errors are 9 and 4.03%. The author cannot distinguish between irregular and regular verb, for example “He bowed and leaved”. This condition happens more than twice. It can be concluded that the author does not know what the correct form.

Double markings in addition type and misordering get same number of errors, that is 2 and 0.9%. The example of double markings is “She didn't believed what happened” and misordering is “You are getting married to Elsa?”. It seems the author has been influenced by Indonesian as her first language because Indonesian does not possess auxiliaries and tense. It can be seen in the example of double markings. Indonesian also does not have **be** so that this language does not care for the position of **be** such the example of misordering above.

The next is **regularization in misformation type**. This subcategory gets 1 error and 0.45%. It happens in a sentence “I climbed at his back and we **flied**”. The author makes an error in verb **flied**. **Flied** is derived from fly, but this verb is irregular verb that is **flew** as its past form and **flown** as its past participle (see, Frank, 1972: 62). The author considers that this verb is a regular form. It is caused by her mother tongue, Indonesian.

Conclusion and Suggestion

Omission, addition (double markings, regularization, simple addition), misformation (regularization and alternating forms), and misordering are the types of verb and verb phrase error found on the fan fiction story. The results shows omission gets 33.63%, addition- double markings: 0.9%, addition- regularization: 4.03%, addition- simple addition: 21.08%, misformation-regularization: 0.45%, misformation- alternating forms: 39.01%, and misordering: 0.9%. It can be concluded that the most frequent type of errors appeared on the object is misformation and subcategorize alternating forms.

The suggested expression has been stated in table 12 in chapter four. In addition, the verb and verb phrase errors found are seemingly caused by negative transfer or interference of Indonesian. The author (a foreign language learner) is indicated that she is influenced by her first language while she makes her work. Thus, the erroneous verb and verb phrases on the fan fiction can be dangerous since those erroneous forms have been published in wattpad and it has been read by many readers. The imitation of errors may occur in the future time.

Indeed, it is important for the author to consult her work to people who are good in English before publishing her work to avoid other errors happened in the next work. The readers also have to learn and understand at least basic grammatical structure in English so that they can control themselves and avoid making use of wrong rules.

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