

Abstract

This research entitled “An Analysis of Speech Act on Columbus’s Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone Film”. It attempts to analyze speech acts with focus on Illocutionary acts performed by the main character’s utterances that appeared throughout the conversation or dialogues of the film. There are two purposes on this research. The first one is to found out speech acts’ functions that performed by the main character named Harry James Potter. The second one is to find out the kind of character presented by the main character based on the most performed function that appeared on the main character’s utterances. Speech Act itself is an action which performed through a utterance, Austin (1962) divided it into three major kinds; they are Locutionary act, Illocutionary act and Perlocutionary act. The illocutionary act became the focus on this research since the speech acts’ functions are the part of illocutionary act. The researcher used theory of speech acts’ functions (classifications) by Searle (on Yule 1996) in analyzed the data. The second purpose is to found out the kind of character. Dynamic and Static’s kind of character became the main focus on this research. To find the result, the writer used the theory by Robert (2002). In order to answer the purposes of this research, the writer used a descriptive qualitative approach. The writer found out that out of five speech act functions, four kinds were performed by the main character. The kinds of illocutionary act that performed by the main character are; Representatives (Statement of Fact, Assertion, Conclusion, Description), Expressives (Statement of Pleasure, Pain, Like, Dislike, Joy and Sorrow), Directives (Command, Request, Suggestion) and Commissive (Threats and Refusal). A kind of speech act function that is not performed by the main character was Declaration. Besides, the result of the research shows that the kind of character presented by the main character was a dynamic character who experiences several changes through the story. Moreover, this research generated an understanding of the characteristic presented by the main character based on the most performed dynamic’s table analysis, it shown that the main character has a potency to become an assertive character who has faith on his own self and keep holding on what he believes. Therefore, by using speech acts theory proved that the kind of character and characteristic of the characters on a film can be revealed.

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