

**ANALYSIS OF THE EXPLANATORY TEXT STRUCTURE WITH THE
THEME OF NATURAL PHENOMENA IN THE MARCH 2020 EDITION
OF THE PIKIRAN RAKYAT NEWSPAPER AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO
SELECTING INDONESIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING MATERIALS FOR
GRADE VIII JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

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ABSTRACT

Analysis of the explanatory text structure with the theme of natural phenomena in the March 2020 edition of the Pikiran Rakyat newspaper is an activity to understand the contents of the explanatory text structure. This study aims to describe the structure of the explanatory text in the March 2020 edition of the Pikiran Rakyat newspaper and its use as an alternative for the selection of teaching materials in Indonesian language learning in class VIII SMP. The method used is descriptive analysis, the method of describing the data in detail and later interpreted. The data source comes from the document attached to the March 2020 edition of the Pikiran Rakyat newspaper, the data found and selected as material for research are 14 texts containing the theme of natural phenomena. 1) The research results of the 14 texts can be analyzed regarding the structure of the text in the form of identification of phenomena, a series of events containing causality (cause and effect), chronology (sequence of events), and reviews. Based on the results of the analysis, each part of the text structure can be proven by quotations in each paragraph contained in the explanatory text. The structure of the explanatory text in the Pikiran Rakyat newspaper is in accordance with the theory and reference of Kemendibud 2017. 2) The use of the findings of this study is the results of the analysis of 14 texts that have been selected according to the criteria for the structure of the explanatory text, the 14 texts are contained in the preparation of teaching materials as material Indonesian language learning in class VIII SMP, according to the core competencies and basic competencies of the 2013 curriculum.

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