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# PRESUPPOSITION USED IN THE DIALOGUE OF THE MAIN CHARACTER IN THE "HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD" MOVIE SCRIPT

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### Abstract

This research aimed to find out the types of presupposition and also the function of the utterances that consist presupposition in main character (Hiccup) dialogues with other characters in that movie. This research conducted by using Yule (1996) theory about types presupposition and also by using Searle in Levinson (1983) about types of language function to analysed the data. From the main character utterance, the data collected with descriptive approaches and suitable with the context and identified them based on pragmatics aspect about presupposition. From 107 data, the researcher found 5 types of presupposition, those are existential presupposition, structural presupposition, lexical presupposition, factive presupposition and counter-factual presupposition. The dominant types of presupposition is lexical presupposition. The researcher also found the language function in each types of presupposition, the first one is from existential presupposition there are 3 language functions such as representative, directive and declarative, from structural presupposition, there are 3 language functions they are representative, directive and expressive, from factive presupposition, there are 3 language function they are representative, expressive and declarative, from lexical presupposition, there are 5 language function they are representative, directive, commissive, expressive and declarative, and from counter-factual presupposition, there are 2 language function they are representative and expressive. The dominant language function in each type of presupposition is representative language function.

Key words: presupposition, language function, types of presupposition

## A. INTRODUCTION

Presupposition is one of the key aspects of pragmatics that study speaker utterances. This is because the speaker usually conveys more meaning than is said. According to Yule (1996) a presupposition is something the speaker assumes to



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be the case prior to making an utterance. presupposition is speaker assumption that include a hidden information when the speaker producing an utterance and the information needs to be true.

In daily communication, people often use presuppositions to make the conversation short, concise and clear. However, the use of presuppositions also often results in misunderstanding between the speaker and the listener. According to Wijana (2009) presuppositions will only occur if the speaker or writer and the speech partner or reader have the same background knowledge. It means that presupposition will success when the speaker and the listener have one perspective about what their talking about. it can be concluded that the importance of studying presuppositions is to know the form, type and function of the presupposition itself so that there are no misunderstandings or failures in using presuppositions in daily communication with others.

Based on the explanation above, the writer did a research in movie script entitled "*How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*". The writer did this research because when we use presupposition in our communication, we need to be understood about the presupposition first, and then we can produce an utterance that consist presupposition to the listener. Beside that, the listener also must understand about presupposition to avoid misunderstanding between the speaker and listener.

Therefore, in this study, the researcher wants to do a research about presupposition especially in types of presupposition and also the language functions. People tend to use presupposition in their daily conversation so, in this case the researcher will use the dialogue of conversation in a movie. The researcher choose a movie because movie is illustration about human social life that include figures and problem in human daily life. As we know in movie there are a lot of conversation between the characters. Related with the phenomenon above, there are several research that could be identified such as types, function and the use of presupposition.

Based on Yule (1996) there are six types of presupposition, they are: structural, lexical, existential, factive, non factive and counter-factual presupposition. After classified the utterance to the types of presupposition, the writer analyzed the language function based on Searle in Levinson (1983). There are 5 types of language function such as representative, expressive, directive, declarative and commissive. From the explanation above, from the main character utterances the writer analyzed the presupposition and then classified them into the types of presupposition also classified the language function.

There are many studies that have been done related to presupposition in different media. Most of those researches aimed to find the used of presupposition and then classify them into the types of presupposition by using Yule's theory about types of presupposition. First, presupposition has been studied in speech. Saputra, Zahrida and Hati (2021) Analyzed presupposition on Barack Obama's Speech at Islamic Society of Baltimore. In this research, the researchers The found all of the types of presupposition with the existential presupposition as the dominant one. Then, Siagian, Pangaribuan and Toruan (2015) did a reaserch about presupposition on advertisement on Time Magazine Advertisement. In this study aim to find the types of presupposition and the result showed that the research just found three types of presupposition, they are existential, lexical, factive, structural presupposition and the most dominant one is existential presupposition. presupposition in novel. In this case Ricco and Havid (2009) did a research about presupposition that Used in Novel Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows. This study also used Yule's theory about six types of presupposition. But, on findings, they just found five from six of the types of presupposition they are; existential, lexical, structural, factive, and counterfactual presupposition and existential presupposition as the dominant one.

#### **B. RESEARCH METHOD**

This research used qualitative research method because it describes the data that collected from words. This research is using qualitative in which uses linguistic information as the data, especially about presupposition and language function in How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" movie script.

The data sources were from movie script entitled "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" that had been downloaded from internet and the data are taken from Hiccup utterances as the main character in that movie was analyzed and classified the data into types of presupposition and also the language function.

# C. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1. Research Finding

There were 107 utterances that have been collected and identified which contain presupposition. The first research question was about determining the type of presupposition. According to Yule (1996), there are six types of presupposition such as lexical presupposition, structural presupposition, existential presupposition, factive presupposition, non factive presupposition and counter-factual presupposition. Then, is analysed into the types of language functions of in each types of presupposition. The researcher analysed the language function by using Searle's theory in Levinson (1983).

#### Datum 1

"Gang, meet our latest Berkians!"

#### Context:

The utterance happened in berk which name of the Hiccup's village. After rescued the dragon, Hiccup and his friends back to the village and ask everyone to greet the dragon named Berkian.

#### Analysis:

From the Hiccup's utterance "meet our latest Berkians", it can be presupposed that there is a dragon named Berkians and it can classify into existential presupposition because the utterance convey the entities name of the dragon. Then, from Hiccup's utterance "Gang, meet our latest Berkians" it can be analyzed that Hiccup ask every one meet Berkian. It can be categorized that the function of Hiccup's utterance is directive language function because the speech partner takes an action accordance to the speaker said before.

#### Datum 2

"He managed to slip past our scouts and lay a trap in the woods"

Context:

The dialogue above happened in the stall of village when the others getting work. Hiccup, Tuffnut and Toothless back from the woods talked to Astrid, Eret and Gobber that there is someone in this village.

Analysis:

From Hiccup's utterance "He managed to slip past our scouts and lay a trap in the woods" It can be analyzed that the presupposition is the man success to slip the scouts and lay a trap. From this presupposition, it can be categorized the type of this presupposition is lexical presupposition because the use of lexical word "managed" that interpreted another meaning in utterance.

Then, from Hiccup's utterance above, also can be analyzed that Hiccup report the information about something happened before in the woods. It can be categorized that the function of Hiccup's utterance is representative language function because it bind the speaker to the truth of what is said including reporting.

In this research, from 107 utterances from Hiccup dialogues, the researcher categorized the utterance to the types of presupposition. There are 23 utterances that was classified into existential presupposition, 17 utterances of structural, 40 utterances of lexical, 22 utterances of factive and 5 utterances of counter-factual presupposition. The occurrence of types of presupposition showed into the table below.

No	Types of presupposition	Frequency	Percentage
1.	Existential	23	21,4%
2.	Structural	17	15,8%
3.	Lexical	40	37,3%
4.	Factive	22	20,5%
5.	Non factive	-	-
6.	Counter-factual	5	4,6%
Total:		107	100%

Table 1.1 Types of presupposition from Hiccup utterances as main character in the movie

In this research, after analyzed types of presupposition, the researcher also analyzed the language function that used in Hiccup utterances as the main character of this movie. Then, the researcher classified them based on the types of language function and saw the dominant language function from each types of presupposition by using Serle's theory about types of language function. There are 5 types of language function; representative, directive, commissive, expressive and declarative.

No	Type of presupposition	Language function	Frequency	Percentage
1.	Existential	Representative	14	13,0%
		Directive	6	5,6%
		declarative	3	2,8%
2.	Structural	Representative	15	14,0%
		Directive	1	0,9%
		Expressive	1	0,9%
3.	Factive	Representative	10	9,3%
		Expressive	4	3,7%
		Declarative	8	7,4%
4.	Lexical	Representative	19	17,7%
		Directive	8	7,7%
		Commissive	11	10,2%
		Expressive	1	0,9%
		declarative	1	0,9%
5.	Counter-factual	Representative	4	3,7%
		Commissive	1	0,9%
	Total		107	100%

Table 4.3 Language function in each type of presupposition

From the table above, the researcher also found the language function in each types of presupposition, the first one is from 23 utterances of existential presupposition there are 3 language function such as 14 utterances of representative, 6 of directive and 3 of declarative. Second, from 17 utterances of structural, there are 15 of representative, 1 of directive and 1 of expressive. Third, from 22 utterances of factive, there are 10 of representative, 4 of expressive and 8 of declarative. Fourth, from 40 utterances of lexical presupposition, there are 19 utterances of representative, 8 of directive, 11 of commissive, 1 of expressive and 1 of declarative. Last, from 5 utterances of counter-factual presupposition, there are 4 utterances of Representative, 1 of expressive. The dominant language function in each type of presupposition is representative language function.

#### 2. Discussion

The finding on the analysis of language function in utterance of presupposition used in *How to Train Your Dragon: the Hidden World* movie script showed the types of presupposition and the language function in each types of presupposition. This discussion only focuses on the used of presupposition and the

types of presupposition referring to relevant theories and also compare it with the previous study.

After analyzing the utterances from Hiccup as the main character in the movie, the researcher finds out that there are five types of presupposition that can be found in the movie such as existential presupposition, structural presupposition, factive presupposition, lexical presupposition and the last one counter-factual presupposition from six types of presupposition that has been mention in yule's book about "Pragmatics".

This finding different with previous studies which also analyzed about presupposition. Compared with Saputra, Zahrida and Hati (2021) from Bengkulu university, studied *Presupposition in Obama speech at Islamic Society of Baltimore*. They try to find out the dominant used of presupposition from Obama's speech by using Yule's theory. From 44 utterances of presupposition, they found the six types of presupposition with 28 utterance that can identified as existential presupposition and also the most dominant types of presupposition that occurs in this studied.

Meanwhile, this research just found five types of presupposition. Although the most dominant presupposition that occurs have similarity with previous study. In previous study, the found all the six types of presupposition but, in this study only found types of presupposition.

Then, Asmawanti (2019) analyzed presupposition in *Crazy Rich Asians* movie. In this research the researcher found all of the six types of presupposition. From 47 utterance that contain presupposition, 27 utterances as existential, 3 utterances as factive, 3 utterances as lexical, 7 utterances as structural, 1 utterance as non factive and 6 utterances as counter factual. It can be concluded that existential presupposition is still to be the most dominant used of presupposition in a movie, because in movie, the utterance used as the part of conversation in the dialogue of the movie. To make it different with previous study, in this research, the researcher not only analysing presupposition in utterance, but also analysing the language function in each type of presupposition.

Last, Yuhesmi (2012) analyzed presupposition in a movie which titled *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows part 2*. In this research, the research aimed to identified the types of presupposition based on Yule's theory and language function in Searle theory in Levinson. From 54 utterance that contain presupposition, there are five types of presupposition that can be found they are 21 data of factive, 18 data of existential, 10 data of structural, 4 data of lexical and 1 data of counter-factual presupposition. In this research, the researcher also analyzed the language function from each type of presupposition. As the dominant presupposition that occur, from factive presupposition found 18 utterance of representative, 2 utterance of directive and 1 data of expressive.

Meanwhile, in this research, the researcher found lexical presupposition as the most dominant presupposition with 40 utterances. The types of language functions are 19 data from representative, 11 data from directive, 8 data from commissive, 1 data from expressive and 1 data from declarative.

Following the classification of the types of presupposition, the researcher examines the information being meant in the presupposition by taking into account

the context that affects the conversation. Consequently, the author ascertains that the context actually determines how the speaker presents his or her message. The author can examine then contextual meaning of pragmatic assumption.

#### **D. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS**

In communication, the speaker conveys information that already understood by the listener. Since the information isn't explicitly stated in the speaker's utterance, the listener must make some assumptions in order to understand what the speaker is trying to say. To keep away from missundertanding in conveying the meaning. It can be dealt eith presupposition.

Presupposition can be defined as assumption that conveyed by the speaker to the listener. In daily life, presupposition can be applied to make conversation more easily. Movie as a reflection of human social life or illustration of the social life of human that include figures and problems in human life. As explanation above, presupposition can be applied in movie *How to Train Your Dragon: the Hidden World*. In this movie, there are five types of presupposition that used in Hiccup's utterance as the main character of this movies.

The result of this study brings some suggestions to a lot of sides. Firstly, this study may be used as a reference related to the presupposition. It is suggested that the next researchers can develop in their research related to this subject from different perspectives. The result of this study shows that the dominant used of presupposition is lexical presupposition. The writer hopes next researchers can find another result from this kind of research. And also the writer appreciates it and hope to get valuable suggestion as well as advice from the reader in order to repair to be more accurate and complete in future.

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