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ABSTRACT

Compound word is defined as two or more words which are combined into one unit a perceptible lexical meaning. This research analyzed how forms of compound word formed and identifying what kinds of compound word that are found. This research aimed to describe how the English compound word forms in sport news of *the Jakarta Post* newspaper are formed and to identify the kinds of compound words found in sport news of *the Jakarta Post* newspaper. This research is descriptive qualitative research. In collecting the data, the writer uses documentation method. Techniques of analyzing data are Describing the forms of English compound word by using the theory of word formation and Identifying the kind of English compound word by using dictionary. The data are English compound words found in Sport News of *The Jakarta Post* that was published during November. After analyzing 33 data of English compound words, the researcher finds that (1) There are eight forms of compound word that are identified as a noun compound word, as follows: Noun + Noun, Adjective + Noun, Verb + Noun, Verb + Adverb, Verb + Preposition, Noun + Adverb, Determiner + Noun and Preposition + Noun. (2) There is only one form of compound word that is identified as Adjective compound word. The form is Adjective + Adjective. (3) There is only one form of compound word that is identified as Verb compound word. The form is Preposition + Verb.

Keywords: Compound word, forms of English compound word, Kinds of English compound word.

A. INTRODUCTION

Background

Generally the definition of Morphology is the study of word-formation and word-structure, but there are many definitions that try to specify it. Morphology is also known as the study of morphemes and their combination in words. In other study, morphology is also explained as the study of morphemes, their variations, and their combination in words. Based on the definitions above, there is a keyword that is called *morpheme*. Lehman in Srijono (2001: 49)“Morpheme is a minimal element of form with specific meaning”. Or in other words morpheme is the smallest unit of meaning.

“Compounding is a process of combining of lexical categories (N, V, Adj , or prep) to create large word and the resultant meaning is new/different from its element”(Srijono, 2001: 55). Compounding is one of the morphological processes; it means a process of forming new words by modifying a morpheme or morphemes. So compound word can be defined two or more words which are combined into one unit a perceptible lexical meaning. Here compound words contain at least two words, for examples:

1. N + N : classroom
2. Adj + N : greenhouse

And there are other interesting phenomena that are found in the Jakarta Post newspaper especially about sport terminologies, for example the word “touch down”.

It is compound word that is formed from two words touch (verb) +down (noun) but after they are combined they become new word “touch down”(noun) one word category and of course it has new meaning. When the words are separated, each word of them has meaning which is self-contained, the word “touch” means two or more things, surface, to be or come so close together that there is no space between, the word “down” means moving from upright position to a horizontal one. but after they are combined and become one unit, it has new meaning. The word “touch down” means a score made by taking the ball across the other team’s goal line.

A sport is an organized, competitive, entertaining, and skillful activity requiring commitment, strategy, and fair play, in which a winner can be defined by objective means (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sport>), sport is very familiar in society, because of that, sport news always exists in every mass media such as television, magazines and newspaper.

Sport news is also existed in English newspaper especially in *The Jakarta Post*. Of course the language style of sport news is different from political news and economic news; there are some words that are specific used only in sport terminology. And also there are compound words that will be found such as:

1. N + N : football
2. N + N : basketball

English compound word is always unique for example, the word “football” above. It is formed from two words, the word foot (noun) and ball (noun) but after they are combined they become one unit word, football (noun). If they are separated,

each of them has each meaning that is stand-alone, but after combining process, it has new one meaning.

The Jakarta Post is a daily English language newspaper in Indonesia. The paper is owned by *PT Bina Media Tenggara*, and the head office is in the nation's capital, Jakarta (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>).

Although there are many compound words that are founded and used on this newspaper such as *football*, *volleyball*, *basketball* etc, but here the researcher will do this research to verify the theory or previous study and to find new phenomena that may appear in newest linguistic world especially it is about finding compound words of sport terminology in sport news of the Jakarta post. Because of the reasons above, the researcher will take this research entitles **A Morphological Study on English Compound Words Found in Sport News of *The Jakarta Post*.**

Problem Statement

This article will analyze how are the English compound word's forms in sport news of *the Jakarta Post* newspaper formed and What the kinds of English compound words are found in sport news of *the Jakarta Post* newspaper.

Objectives

The researcher has the following objectives, Describing how the English compound word's forms in sport news of *the Jakarta Post* newspaper are formed and Identifying the kinds of compound words found in sport news of *the Jakarta Post* newspaper.

Previous Study

The previous study was conducted by Muhibulloh in his thesis *A Morphological Study on Javanese Compounding Idiomatic Expression* discusses Javanese Compound Idiomatic Expression (2000). He found seven forms of Javanese compound idiomatic expression. They are: Noun + Noun, Noun + Adjective, Noun + Verb, Adjective + Noun, Verb + Noun, Verb + Verb, Adverb + Adverb.

B. RESEARCH METHOD

Data and Data Source

The data are English compound words which contain morphological processes obtained from the articles in Sport News of *The Jakarta Post* that was published during November 2011, full of thirty editions.

Method of Collecting Data

The method of collecting data is documentation. To collect the data, all the articles are observed to find out the compound words. Then, the data are arranged systematically in accordance with the problems of the research.

Techniques of Analyzing Data

To analyze the data, the writer uses the techniques, Describing the forms of English compound word by using the theory of word formation and Identifying the kind of English compound word by using dictionary.

C. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

Research Findings

In the analysis the writer makes an integration of analysis, answering the objectives one and two. The analysis forms of compound word and kind of compound word are done as follows:

Forms of compound word that are identified as Noun compound word.

Noun + Noun

Lineman

The word **lineman** above is formed from the word line (Noun) and man (Noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **lineman** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **lineman** is "an official who helps the referee in certain games".

Basketball

The word **basketball** above is formed from the word basket (noun) and ball (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **basketball** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **basketball** is "a game played by two teams of five or six players. Goals are scored by throwing a large ball into a net with an open bottom which is fixed high on a metal ring at the opponents end of the court".

Football

The word **football** above is formed from the word foot (noun) and ball (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **football** (noun). This is a noun

compound word. The meaning of the word **football** is "a game played by two teams of eleven players, using a round ball that must not be handled during the game except by the goal keeper".

Counter-attack

The word **counter-attack** above is formed from the word counter (noun) and attack (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **counter-attack** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **counter-attack** is " an attack made in response to an enemy's attack".

Baseball

The word **baseball** above is formed from the word base (noun) and ball (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **baseball** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **baseball** is "a game popular in the USA, played with a bat and ball by two teams of nine players".

Goal-keeper

The word **goal-keeper** above is formed from the word goal (noun) and keeper (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **goal-keeper** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **goal-keeper** is "a player whose job is to prevent the other team getting the ball into her or his own team's goal".

Weightlifter

The word **weightlifter** is formed from the word weight (noun) and lifter (noun), but after they are combined they become new word **weightlifter** (noun). This is a noun

compound word. The meaning of the word **weightlifter** is "people who lift weights, either for the purpose of competition, health, fitness or muscle development".

Verb + Noun

Comeback

The word **comeback** above is formed from the word come (verb) and back (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **comeback** (noun). This is noun compound word. The meaning of the word **comeback** is "a return to a former successful position".

Playmaker

The word **playmaker** above is formed from the word play (verb) and maker (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **playmaker** (noun). This is noun compound word. The meaning of the word **playmaker** is "a player who controls the flow of the team's offensive play, and is often involved in passing moves which lead to goals".

Preposition + Noun

Underdog

The word **underdog** above is formed from the word under (preposition) and dog (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **underdog** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **underdog** is "a person, team thought to be in a weaker position, and therefore not likely to win a competition, fight etc".

Adjective + Noun

Wild card

The word **wild card** above is formed from the word wild (adjective) and card (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **wild card** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **wild card** is "an opportunity to enter a competition without having to take part in qualifying matches be ranked at a particular level".

Yellow card

The word **yellow card** above is formed from the word yellow (adjective) and card (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **yellow card** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **yellow card** is "a card shown by the referee to a player as a warning about bad behavior on the field of play".

Free kick

The word **free kick** above is formed from the word free (adjective) and kick (noun), but after they are combined, they become new **free kick** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **free kick** is "(football) a kick taken as a penalty against the opposing team".

Clean sweep

The word **clean sweep** above is formed from the word clean (adjective) and sweep (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **clean sweep** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **clean sweep** is "to win all of a group of similar or related competitions".

Mid fielder

The word **mid fielder** above is formed from the word mid (adjective) and fielder (noun), but after they are combined, they become new word **mid fielder** (noun). This is noun compound word. The meaning of the word **mid fielder** is "an association football position. Some midfielders play a more defensive role, while others blur the boundaries between midfielders and forwards".

Verb + Preposition**Run-in**

The word **run-in** above is formed from the word run (verb) and in (preposition), but after they are combined, they become new word **run-in** (noun). This is noun compound word. The meaning of the word **run-in** is "a period of time leading to an event or the preparation for it".

Verb + Adverb**Knock out**

The word **knock out** above is formed from the word knock (verb) and out (adverb), but after they are combined, they become new word **knock out** (noun). This is noun compound word. The meaning of the word **knock out** is "a competition in which the winner continues to a further round and the loser no longer takes part".

Touchdown

The word **touchdown** is formed from the word touch (verb) and down (adverb), but after they are combined, they become new word **touchdown** (noun). This is a noun

compound word. The meaning of the word **touchdowns** is "a score made by taking the ball across the other team's goal line".

Determiner + Noun

Own goal

The word **own goal** is formed from the word own (det) and goal (noun), but after they are combined they become new word **own goal** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **own goal** is "a goal scored accidentally by a member of a team against her or his own side".

Noun + Adverb

Line up

The word **lineup** is formed from the word line (noun) and up (adverb), but after they are combined they become new word **lineup** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **lineup** is "any set of people, items, arranged for a purpose".

Runner up

The word **runner up** is formed from the word runner (noun) and up (adverb), but after they are combined they become new word **runner up** (noun). This is a noun compound word. The meaning of the word **runner up** is "A person or team finishing second in a race or competition".

Forms of compound word that are identified as adjective compound word

Adjective + Adjective

Red hot

The word **red hot** above is formed from the word red (adjective) and hot (adjective), but after they are combined, they become new word **red hot** (adjective). This is an adjective compound word. The meaning of the word **red hot** is "showing or causing a great enthusiasm on strong feeling".

Off-key

The word **off key** above is formed from the word off (adjective) and key (adjective), but after they are combined, they become new word **off key** (adjective). This is an adjective compound word. The meaning of the word **off key** is "no fitting or appropriate".

Forms of compound word that are identified as verb compound word

Preposition + Verb

With draw

The word **with draw** is formed from the word with (preposition) and draw (verb), but after they are combined they become new word **with draw** (verb). This is a verb compound word. The meaning of the word **with draw** is "to move or take sb/sth back or away".

Discussion

The writer finds ten forms of compound word and three kinds of compound word in sport news of *The Jakarta Post* they are as follows:

The forms of compound word that are identified as noun compound word.

1. Noun + Noun, for example: the word *linesmen, basketball, football, counter-attack, baseball, goal-keeper, and wieghtlifter.*
2. Adjective + Noun, for example: the word *wild card, yellow card, free kick, and clean sweep, mid fielder*
3. Verb + Noun, for example the word *comeback, playmaker*
4. Verb + Adverb, for example the word *knock out, touch down.*
5. Verb + Preposition, for example the word *run-in*
6. Preposition + Noun, for example the word *underdog*
7. Noun + Adverb, for example the word *line up, runner up*
8. Determiner + Noun, for example *own goal*

The form of compound word that is identified as adjective compound word.

1. Adjective + Adjective, for example the word *red hot* and *off key*

The form of compound word that is identified as verb compound word.

1. Preposition + Verb, for example the word *with draw*

D. CONCLUSION

The writer found three kinds of compound words found in sport news of The Jakarta Post Newspaper, they are Noun compound words, Adjective compound words and Verb compound word. The writer also found eight forms of compound word identified as a noun compound word, as follows: Noun + Noun, Adjective + Noun,

Verb + Noun, Verb + Adverb, Verb + Preposition, Noun + Adverb, Determiner + Noun and Preposition + Noun, then only one form of compound word identified as Adjective compound word, The form is Adjective + Adjective and only one form of compound word identified as Verb compound word, The form is Preposition + Verb.

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