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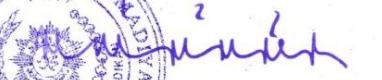
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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi bentuk-bentuk perintah dan menganalisis fungsi perintah yang terkandung dalam bentuk pertanyaan di film *Captain America*. Penulis menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif sebagai metode penelitian. Sumber data dari penelitian ini adalah film *Captain America* yang disertai dengan skrip. Analisa data menggunakan teori Quirk et,al (1985) tentang bentuk-bentuk perintah dan fungsi perintah dalam sebuah percakapan di film *Captain America*. Dari hasil data ini menunjukkan bahwa terdapat 31 data yang menggunakan bentuk-bentuk perintah yang terdapat dalam tokoh film *Captain America*. Diantaranya perintah menggunakan subject dengan presentase 50%, perintah tanpa menggunakan subjek (40,6) dan perintah negatif hanya mencapai (9,4). Setelah mengidentifikasi bentuk-bentuk perintah penulis juga menganalisis fungsi dari perintah dalam film *Captain America*. Penulis menemukan 8 fungsi perintah yaitu order, command, request, prohibition, warning, suggestion, instruction dan invitation. Disisi lain penulis menemukan strategi baru yaitu shocked, reproach, affirmation, admiration, testing, mocking, to inform, disagree.

Kata kunci: bentuk-bentuk perintah, fungsi-fungsi perintah, film captain america

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to identify the form of imperative and analyze the imperative functions in the *Captain America* movie. Researcher uses qualitative descriptive method as a research method. The data source from this research is *Captain America* movie which is accompanied by script. The data that containing forms of imperative and function of imperative, the researcher use Quirk et al theory (1985). The result found 31 data contained there forms of imperative, there were imperative with subject with percentage 50%, Imperative without subject (40,6) and Negative Imperative only reach (9,4). The result also show 8 function used in *Captain America* movie, there were

order, command, request, prohibition, warning, suggestion, instruction and invitation. On the other hand the author found a new strategy they were shocked, reproach, affirmation, admiration, testing, mocking, to inform, disagree.

Keywords : Types of imperative, function of imperative, captain america movie

1. INTRODUCTION

Language is unique quality that sets apart the human race from all other species. Language has allowed man kind to communicate and express ideas, which has a major factor in our development over time. Language can be rather to complex. In order to communicate with the written word, you have to takee into account all the nuances, intonations, and feelings associated with spoken language. For this reason the structural aspects of a language has four types of sentence that are: declarative, exclamatory, interrogative and imperative sentence.

According to Quirk et al (1985:827) imperative sentence can be divided into five forms. They are imperative without a subject, imperative with a subject, imperative with let, negative imperative, and imperative with do form.

Imperative sentences are used for a wide range of illocutionary acts. It is not, however, always possible to make precise distinction because the illocutionary force depends on the relative benefits of the action to each. Illocutionary force depends in most cases on the situational context. (Quirk, et, al:1985:831). According to (Quirk, 1985:831) there are fifteen function of imperative. That are order or command, request, prohibition, plea, advice, warning, suggestion, instruction, invitation, offer, good wishes, imprecation, incredulos rejection, self-deliberation, granting permission.

There are many imperatives used in Captain America as command, request, invitation, suggestion, advice, and prohibition. The movie that the researcher wants to observe is “Captain America”. The movie is a superhero

movie based on Marvel Comics character “Captain America” It was directed by Joe Johnston and written by Christopher Markus and Stephen Mc Feely. This movie is distributed by paramount pictures and released on July 19, 2011. “Captain America” movie also provides a lot of imperative sentence. This example of imperative sentence in the movie :

Peggy Carter : Shut it down!

Abraham Erskine : **Kill the reactor, Mr. Stark! Kill the reactor!**

Steve Rogers : No! Don't! I can do this! [after being transformed into a super-soldier]

The conversation between Steve, Peggy Carter, and Abraham Erskine is in the laboratory during the day. Abraham Erskine is a special doctor to serve soldiers while Peggy Carter is assistant of Col. Chester. Steve goes away with a charter agent to a place in a black car. In their antique shop items stop, Steve confused what to do there. But apparently, at a store there is a hidden place of the laboratory is covered hundreds of books arranged in cabinets. Steve and charter agents walked to see Dr. Abraham. There have been many people with pitch clothes like all of them are nurses who will handle Steve to change into a bigger man. Dr. Abraham told Steve to enter the experimental test vessel to be done on Steve. Before the experiment, Dr. Abraham convinces Steve that everything will be okay. The nurse injected Steve and placed the serum in the experiment. Mr. Stark came to operate the machine and a few minutes later the experiment started. At the count, to 70 percent Steve screaming in pain. Dr. Abraham ordered Mr. Stark "**Kill the reactor, Mr. Stark! Kill the reactor**" but Steve wants to continue it he can do it. The bold phrase is a function of the **command**. In the conversation Dr. Abraham Erskine told Mr. Stark to turn off the engine because Steve screamed in pain while in experimental stage but Steve refused and he wanted the experiment was continued.

In generally the studies of imperative was done by another researcher with varieties of media. First, students ability study thorough education research in teaching imperative (Hwayed 2014; Hoque,Sharmin, Alam, Arefin 2015; Andiansyah 2015). Second, imperative strategies used in everyday communication (Isaraj 2015;Alexandra Y, 2010; Aikhenvald,2013; Hoop, Klatter, Mudler and Schmitz, 2016), Third, imperative strategies used in media telecommunication (Andayani & Aditya,2011; Putri,2012; Anisa,2012). The last, imperative strategies from movie and its manuscript to analyze what are the form of imperative (Widowati,2012; T.A.Z, 2016; Worotikan,2015;Hardika,2014; Istarul,2012; Nihayati,2013; Kurnia,2015; Listiyo,2012; Hafni,2012)

In this research the researcher choose the theory from Quirk et,al (1985). This theory is rarely used by the previous researcher. The previous study from Kurnia conducted the research entitled “An Analysis of the Use of Imperative in Movie Mean Girls” that shows the theory without function in imperative. The next study is from Alexandra Y that conducted the research entitled “Typology and Linguistic Theory Oxford University press, Oxford, UK.” That explains about cross linguistic study of imperative and command of other kinds.

Based on the above explanation, this study examines the imperative functions used by characters in the Captain America movie by applying the theory of Quirk et al (1985). The researcher conducted this study entitled "*The Imperative Used by Character Captain America movie*"

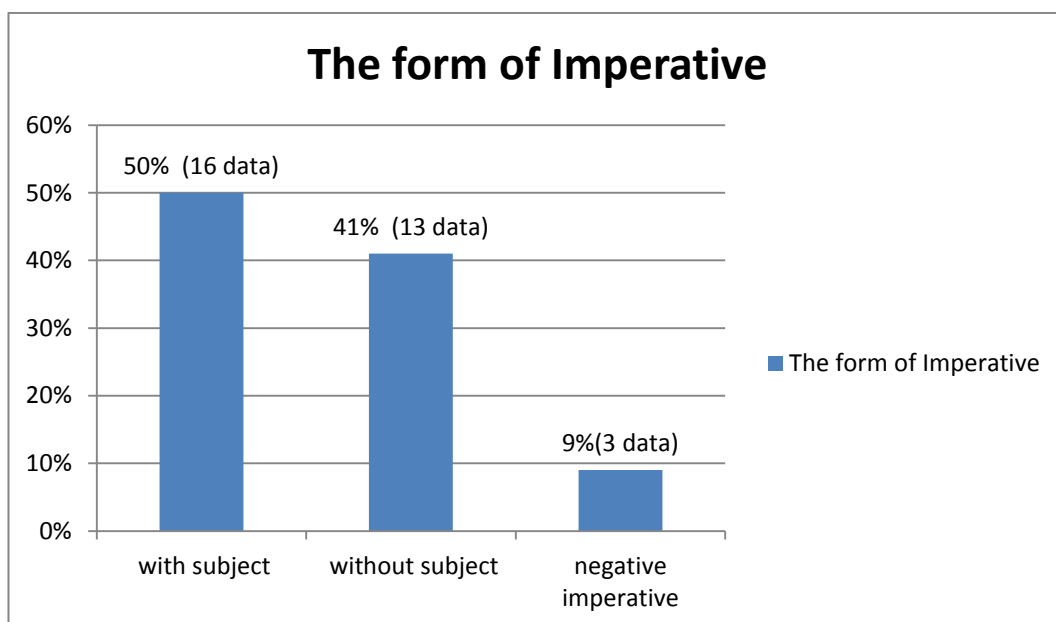
2. RESEARCH METHOD

The type of this research is descriptive qualitative. The object of this research is a form of questions issued by the characters in the Captain America movie that contains the types of imperative and imperative functions of theory Quirk et al (1985).

3. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

The findings of this study will explain in detail to answer the problems that have been done. The research findings on the diagram will show all types of question forms used by characters in Captain America movie.

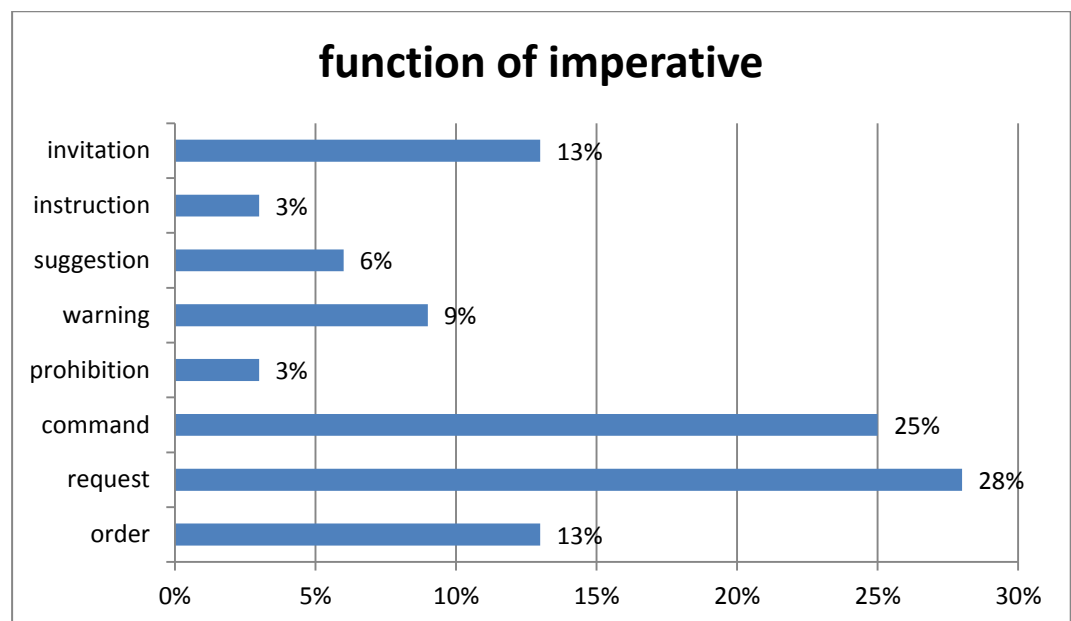
Quirk et al (1985) divides the question or form of imperative into three types, there are negative imperative, imperative with subject, and imperative without subject. There are 31 data of imperative used in Captain America.. The classification of the data are presented in the diagram.



The diagram above shows that there are 31 data containing the form of question imperative. Imperative with the subject has the highest dominance in all types, there are 16 data (50%). The second position is the subjectless imperative there are 13 data (40.6%). Last is the negative imperative with only 3 data (9.4%). The types of the above types are found in the captains of american films except imperative with let and imperative do with positive imperative.

The researcher also presents a table of imperative functions used by the captain america Movie character. Researchers use the theory of quirk et

al (1985). According to the theory of Quirk et al (1985) there are 15 functions namely order or command, request, prohibition, plea, warning, instruction, invitation, offer, good wishes, imprecation, incredulous rejection, self-deliberation, granting permission. But here the researchers only found 7 functions in Captain America movie that is order, command, request, prohibition, warning, instruction and invitation.



According to Quirk (1985), there are fifteen types of imperative functions: command, order, request, prohibition, plea, warning, instruction, suggestion, invitation, offer, good wishes, imprecation, incredulous rejection, self-deliberation, granting permission. Researchers have found 8 types of imperative functions used by characters in the Captain America movie. It can be concluded that almost all types of imperative types according to Quirk's theory have been found in the Captain America movie, except plea, offer, good wishes, imprecation, incredulous rejection, self-deliberation, granting permission are not included in this movie.

From the table above, the imperative function that is often used in this movie with the highest percentage is the command with 28% or 9 data. The second position is the request with 25% or 8 data. Third is invitation and order with 13% or 4 data. and four warning with 9% or 3 data. The lowest rank is prohibition and instruction with 3% or 1 data. Based on the context of the conversation in the Captain America movie, the most commonly used imperative function used by characters in the movie is the meaning of the command.

4. CONCLUSION

The research found 31 types of data that contain imperative in character in the movie Captain America. They are Imperative with Subject with a percentage of the emergence of 16 data (50%), imperative without subject with a percentage of emergence of 13 data (40.6%), and Negative imperative with only 3 data (9.4%). This shows that the dominant imperative type is imperative with subject and that does not often appear is negative imperative.

Researcher has found 15 types of imperative functions used in the Captain America movie. It can be concluded almost from the type of imperative function according to the theory of quirk et, al has been found in the movie Captain America. The representative has found the purpose of the function, for example order, command, request, prohibition, warning, instruction and invitation. Based on the context of the conversations in Captain America, the functions of the imperative that often appear to be used by the characters of this film are command, prohibition and instruction at least appear. While order, plea, advice, offer, good wishes, imprecation, self deliberation and granting permission is not in Captain America movie character.

Researcher not only focuses on imperative types and imperative functions of Quirk's theory but also find new discoveries on imperative functions. With the current study researchers found a new meaning that consists of mocking, to inform, shocked, and reproach. The results of this research more varied.

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