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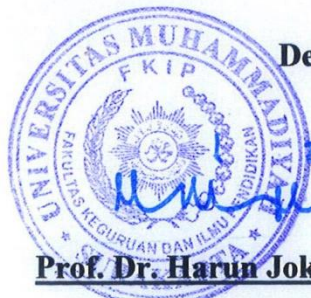
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ABSTRACT

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The objectivities of the study are to (1) describe the difference words meaning between British and American English, and (2) to explain the similarities words meaning between British and American English. This research is qualitative research, the technique was used for collecting data and analyzing data. This paper uses the theory from Parera (2002) to analyze the use of meaning. The data source in this study was collected by comparing words in the Oxford English dictionary and Merriam Webster. There found the result of the study, which showed that there are many different words but the same meaning and similarities word but different meaning, for example, “Pants” in British which mean is underwear and in American are trousers. Researchers showed (1) six groups in differences meaning there were “transportation, food and drink, education, clothes, home and environment, and science and technology” the differences consist of the meaning of is opposite and the meaning totally different. And (2) six groups in similarities meaning, there are “transportation, food, and drink, education, clothes, home and environment, Science and Technology”. The similarities consist of the differences word and the same meaning and the differences word but have the same meaning. The researchers begin to make a column to classify the data that has been collected with the aim to make the reader more easily understands.

Keywords: word meaning, British English, American English

ABSTRAK

KAJIAN KOMPARATIF MAKNA KATA ANTARA BAHASA INGGRIS BRITISH DAN AMERIKA

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Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk (1) menggambarkan tentang perbedaan kata-kata yang berarti antara British Inggris dan Amerika Inggris, dan (2) menjelaskan persamaan kata yang memiliki makna yang sama antara British Inggris dan Amerika Inggris. Penelitian ini adalah penelitian kualitatif, teknik yang digunakan untuk mengumpulkan data dan menganalisis data. Peneliti menggunakan teori dari Parera (2002) untuk menganalisis penggunaan makna. Sumber data dalam penelitian ini dikumpulkan dengan membandingkan kata-kata dalam kamus bahasa Inggris Oxford dan Merriam Webster. Hasil yang ditemukan dalam penelitian, menunjukkan bahwa ada banyak perbedaan kata tetapi makna yang sama dan kesamaan kata tetapi makna yang berbeda, misalnya "Celana" dalam bahasa Inggris yang berarti celana dalam dan di Amerika adalah celana panjang. Peneliti menunjukkan (1) enam kelompok perbedaan makna kata, terdiri dari "transportasi, makanan dan minuman, pendidikan, pakaian, rumah dan sekitar, dan ilmu pengetahuan dan teknologi". Terdapat kata yang berbeda makna dan kata yang berlawanan makna. Dan (2) enam kelompok dalam makna yang sama, ada "transportasi, makanan dan minuman, pendidikan, pakaian, rumah dan sekitar, Sains dan teknologi". Yang terdiri dari kata yang berbeda tetapi memiliki makna yang sama dan kata dan makna yang sama. Peneliti membuat kolom untuk mengklasifikasikan data yang telah dikumpulkan dengan tujuan membuat pembaca lebih mudah memahami.

Kata kunci: makna kata, British Inggris, Amerika Inggris.

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