ABSTRACT


This study deals with Speech Acts found in “John Q” movie’s Script. The objectives of this research were to find out the types of speech acts, they are: Declarations, Representatives, Expressives, Directives, and Commisives and the most dominantly type of speech acts used by the main character, namely John Q and to describe the implication of the most dominant type of speech act used by the main character in “John Q” movie’s script. This research was conducted by using descriptive qualitative design. The data were derived from “John Q” movie’s script by downloading the script from internet.

It took 360 utterances taken from the subtitle of “John Q” Movie. The result of analyzing found five types of process were used in “John Q” movie, they were: Declarations, Representatives, Expressives, Directives, and Commisives. There were 360 speech act in 360 utterances. The findings of data analysis showed that the total numbers of process from the five types of speech acts were: Declarations are 11 items (3.05%), Representatives are 112 items (31.11%), Expressives are 27 items (7.50%), directives is 187 items (51.94%) and Commisives is 23 (6.40%) utterances. It means that Directives is the most dominant type of speech acts used in “John Q” movie. Directives is generally used by the main character, John Q in “John Q” movie’s script because the main character intends to requesting, commanding, warning, permitting, urging, questioning, ordering, suggesting, advising, begging, challenging, insisting, and pleading when he face the problem and experienced the situation. This is shows that the main character is attempts to get the other characters to do something or action.

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