

ABSTRACT

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The objectives of this research were to find out the five concepts of lexical metaphor, namely: noun-noun, noun-verb, noun-adjective, comparing two social concepts and sound concept. This research was conducted by using qualitative descriptive design. It took twenty headlines taken randomly from daily newspaper *The Jakarta Post* which were published in November until December 2014. The findings of data analysis showed that the total numbers of lexical metaphor in headlines of *The Jakarta Post* were: 15 (38.46%) noun-noun, 15 (38.46%) noun-verb, 8 (20.51%) noun-adjective, 1 (2.56%) comparing two social concepts, and no sound concept found. The most dominant are noun-noun and noun-verb with the same percentage (38.46%). Noun-verb means that the headline maker described that news as the move or alive and having certain process, and noun-noun means the headline maker described that news refers to a person, a place or a thing, a quality or an activity.

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