

ABSTRACT

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The title of this thesis is *Reference in Health Articles of the Reader's Digest Magazine*. This study is aimed at analysing what types of reference used in health articles of the magazine, and how are reference used in health articles of the magazine. The writer applies the theory of Halliday and Hasan about types of reference, there are personal, demonstrative, and comparative reference. Personal reference included personal pronoun, possessive adjective, and possessive pronoun, while demonstrative reference is reference by means location, then comparative reference is reference by means similarity or difference. The use of reference is purposed to make the readers understand the text easily and persuade the readers to do something as the texts mean. The writer focuses on the analysis of types of reference in 8 health articles as the data, and finally, personal reference is found as the most dominant type that the author used in writing the articles.

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