

ABSTRACT

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This study used the modalities which were applied in the Business Column of the *Jakarta Post* focused on types of modalities and the value of modalities. The study has answered four problems namely; the types of modality are used in the *Jakarta Post*. The dominant types of modality, the dominant categories of value of modality, the pattern of the use of modality and value are used in business column and the last the contexts of the modality used. The sources of data are modalities and values of modalities used in business column. It started at April up May 2008. The data were analyzed by kinds of methods, namely; descriptive quantitative and descriptive quantitative. This study shown that: (i) there are two types of modality namely; modalisation and modulation. The modalisation was 64 (30.76%) and modulation was 144 (69.23%). The dominant types of modality are modulation. (ii) There are three points of the scale of modalisation and modulation, namely; high, median and low. Modalisation has been divided two sub-categories, namely; probability and usuality. Modulation has been divided two sub-categories too, namely; obligation and inclination. This study found 23 (11.05%) sentences use low probability, medium probability was 39 (18.75%) and high probability was 2 (0.96%). It was not found that low, medium and high usuality. In terms of obligation, there were 42 (20.19) low obligation, there was 91 (43.75%) medium obligation and there was 7 high obligation. Especially the use on inclination, in this study occurred only 4 low inclinations, but it was not found medium and high inclination. The most frequent types of modality were modulation and the most frequent value of modality was medium obligation. It found 91 (43.75%) used in sentences. The pattern of the use of modality and value are used in business column of the *Jakarta Post* was statement. It occurs because in the text of *Jakarta Post*, especially in Business column it found a proposition, the meaning of the positive and negative poles is prescribing and proscribing. In terms of the scales of modulation, the dominantly is medium obligation, because in business text shows the expansion or Man as predicator.