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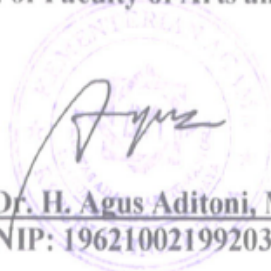
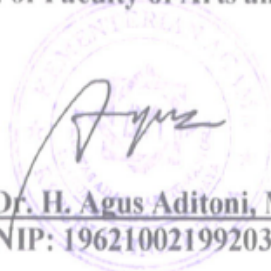
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Levinson (1983:8) states that pragmatics is the study of those relations between language and context that are Grammaticalized or encoded in the structure of a language. While Leech (1983:1) argues that pragmatics is about how language is used in real or actual communication. It also can be defined as the study of how utterances have meaning in certain situations.

In certain situations, words can have certain meaning. Meaning is the idea that is delivered to convey what the speaker says. It means that it is very important factor to know the speaker's intention. In other side, sometimes words and phrases are difficult to be understood the meaning and sometimes it is also easy to be understood. To understand the meaning, the hearer or reader needs to interpret well to get the goal of the context used, because not all the words contained in sentences can be interpreted if we do not know the physical context of the speaker, such as here, this, today, or yesterday, and the pronouns such as me, you, him, her, and it. To solve this problem, deixis is the appropriate way to know and understand an intended meaning of the words by speaker to a hearer or reader.

The term deixis is taken from a Greek word that has a sense pointing. Levinson (1983:54) states that deixis means pointing or indicating. The ways of pointing and indicating have a correlation with how words are put into the context. It is usually put as verbal inform, that is pointing through language. Deixis is an expression that designates to the time, place, or situation in which a speaker is speaking. Deixis is being an important subject that has to be learned by second language. The function of deixis is to designate or establish a participant's

perspective in an act of speech or writing and the communication aspect that the interpretation depends on knowledge of the context (Rotua, 2015:171).

A number of deixis studies have been done by the preceding writers Rosmawaty (2013) Analyzed deixis in *Ayat-Ayat Cinta* novel. Ekowati and Sofwan (2014) did research about deixis in conversation texts in “Pathway to English”. Debi (2014) did research about deixis in Taylor Swift’s albums. Inayatul (2016) analyzed deixis in Liverpool’s live tweets. The last is coming from Siska Pratiwi (2017). She analyzed deixis in English translation of Summarized Shahih Al-Bukhari Hadith. This current research is exactly different from the previous research where this research takes the data from English translation of Qur’an on surah al A’raf by Yusuf Ali while mostly the previous researchers took the data from twitter, Newspaper, Novel, Song, Hadith and so on. The previous researches mostly used Stephen Levinson’s framework of deixis while this research uses the theory of person deixis from Alan Cruse.

Relating to the object of this research, surah Al A’raf is put on 8 and 9 section of the Qur’an and there are 206 verses inside. Surah Al A’raf is chosen as the data because it has many stories about prophecy that not only one prophet is told inside but also many prophets such as Adam, Noah, Hud, Shu’aib, and so on. Therefore, this paper aims to explore more about person deixis that is happened in this surah and explore more about the references of person deixis are put in this surah because surah Al A’raf will have more references about person deixis.

Last, this study is unique because of using the translation of Qur’an by Yusuf Ali as the data; it enables the readers to understand the explanation about

person deixis in the Qur'an. Yusuf Ali's translation is used because of some consideration. The first, it was proved by Marmaduke Pickthall, he reported critically that Yusuf Ali's Translation was English better than the previous English translation by an Indian, because he made his translation require a kind of special literary form that looked like a meter in a language not his own (Hindi) (Nassimi, 2008:76). The second, according to Khan, Kidwai and the Presidency of Islamic Research, Calls and Guidance (PIRICAG) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yusuf Ali's translation has a choice of words that are close to the meaning of the original text or represent genuine feelings (Nassimi, 2008: 77-78). As a result, his work was not only designated as the official English translation of the Koran in Saudi Arabia, but was also reissued in 1990. The third, it was chosen by a committee of Muslim scholars formed by Amana Corporation, USA, in collaboration with the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) to represent the most recognized and authentic English Al-Quran translation (Nassimi, 2008:78).

The researcher will use the theory about person deixis from Alan Cruse (2000:319) that person deixis involves basically the speaker, known as the first person (I, Myself, Mine). The addressee is known as the second person (you, yourself, yourselves, yours) and other significant participants in the speech situation, neither speaker nor hearer, known as third person (he, she, her, they, them).

2.5 Previous Study

The writer presents five previous studies to explore the differences with this present study. The first previous study came from Rosmawaty (2013) by the title “*Analysis the Use of the Kind of Deixis on ‘Ayat-Ayat Cinta’ Novel by Habiburrahman El-Shirazy*”. The researcher used ‘Ayat-Ayat Cinta’ novel because the researcher wants the study to be able to be useful for the next generation in understanding and maintaining literature through language. As the result, person deixis was the dominant deixis found in ‘ayat-ayat cinta’ novel because the author of this novel put the main character as recurring character who often used pronominal I (aku). Not only person deixis but also there were the other deixis found in this novel such as spatial deixis, temporal deixis, discourse deixis and social deixis.

While Ekowati and Sofwan (2014) is the second previous researcher by the title *The Use of Pragmatic Deixis in Conversation Texts in “Pathway To English”*. This study aimed to investigate deictic words in conversation texts and explained how they were used in different context. The researcher selected thirteen conversation texts in English book ‘Pathway to English’ for senior high school as the data. The result showed that the most dominant deixis in these conversations was person deixis. Person deixis occurred 234 times, discourse deixis occurred 47 times, place deixis occurred 16 times, time deixis occurred 15 times, and social deixis occurred 12 times. Based on the context of the conversations, person deixis “I”, “You”, “They”, “He”, and “She” were used to refer to an imaginary person in real life, while for “We” meant a unity. This

research showed that considering context-dependency in reading or having conversations was important, as it could make a correct interpretation of the utterance.

The third came from Debi (2014) by the title *A Deixis Analysis of Song Lyrics in Taylor Swift's "Red" Albums*. This research put the analyzing in Taylor Swift's song lyrics on 'Red' albums. The researcher selected 10 lyrics of 'Red' Albums as the data. The titles of the song are *State of Grace, Red, Treacherous, I Knew You Were Trouble, All Too well, 22, We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together, Stay Stay Stay, The Lucky One, Every Has Changed*. From the data above, the researcher found out three types of deixis in Taylor Swift's song lyrics on 'Red' albums such as person deictic, place or spatial deictic, and time or temporal deictic. This study showed that there were three person deixis consisted of first person deictic, second person deictic, and third person deictic.

The fourth was coming from Inayatul (2016) by the title *Deixis Used in Liverpool Fc's Live-Tweets on Twitter*. This study explored deixis used in Liverpool Fc's Live Tweet on twitter using Stephan Levinson (1983) Theory. The researcher used 81 data to be analyzed from Liverpool Fc's live tweet on twitter. The researcher found five types of deixis from whole data including person deixis, spatial or place deixis, temporal or time deictic, social deictic, and discourse deictic. The writer discovered 163 deictic from 81 data. There were 78 person deixis, including 32 first person deictic, 6 second person deictic and 44 third person deictic. There were also 47 time deixis which was the most dominant

deixis appearing in the data. Then, The researcher also found 14 discourse deixis and only found 4 social deixis in the data.

The last was coming from Siska Pratiwi (2017) by the title *Person Deixis in English Translation of Summarized Shahih Al-Bukhari Hadith in the Book of As-Salat*. This study aimed to analyze kinds of person deixis in English translation of summarized *Shahih Al-Bukhari Hadith*, especially in the book of *As-Salat* (the prayer) that translated by Dr. Muhammad Muhsin Khan . The researcher used Stephan Levinson's framework. The writer found first person deictic, second person deictic, and third person deictic by the percentages of the first person deictic was 25.39%, second person deictic was 7, 17%, and third person deictic was 67.44%. The percentages showed that the dominant person deixis in in English translation of summarized *Shahih Al-Bukhari Hadith*, especially in the book of *As-Salat* was third person. Dominantly, the use of third person especially in the word "He" denoted to Prophet Muhammad SAW in which explored that Hadith is the media to reveal the action, provisions, approvals and utterances of Prophet Muhammad SAW and his companions.

Those previous studies above reveal many findings of deixis started from all types of deixis and three types of deixis. Mostly the dominant deixis in types of deixis are person deixis. The researcher makes new research about person deixis because person deixis becomes dominant mostly in those previous researches. The previous research focused on person deixis in Hadith. Therefore, the researcher uses Qur'an as the data to analyze person deixis. The researcher chooses surah Al A'raf. Surah A'raf is chosen as the data because it has many

4.2 Discussions

This section discusses the finding of data analysis. The researcher found that there are five types of person deixis in English translation of Qur'an at surah Al A'raf by Yusuf Ali. Those are singular first person deixis, plural first person deixis, second person deixis, singular third person deixis, and plural third person deixis. The researcher found that the most dominant person deixis appear in the data is plural third person deixis and the second dominant is second person deixis. The researcher also found that Yusuf Ali used second person deixis that used since old English period till now such as singular form (thou, thee, thy, thyself) and plural form (ye, your, yourselves).

The researcher also found that in English translation of Qur'an at surah Al A'raf by Yusuf Ali, there are seven stories about the apostles such as Adam, Noah, Hud, Salih, Lut, Shu'aib and Moses which could influence the usage of person deixis in English Translation at surah Al A'raf. In English translation by Yusuf Ali, the researcher also found that is not only human used person deixis but also Allah used person deixis. Yusuf Ali used person deixis started with capital letter in each word such as (We, Our, My, He, Him) to be represented to Allah.

In another research, person deixis also found, for example Siska Pratiwi (2017) in her journal "*Person Deixis in English Translation of Summarized Shahih Al-Bukhari Hadith in the Book of As-Salat*" found there were three types of person deixis. Third person deixis were dominant appear with 67.44% dominated by singular third person deixis. Because the word "he" referred to

Prophet Muhammad which shows that *Hadith* is the media to reveal the action, provisions, approvals and utterances of Prophet Muhammad SAW and his companions. Maidaturrohmaniah (2017) in her research “*Person Deixis Used by 5 Seconds of Summer’s Michael Clifford And The Vamps’ Bradley Simpson On Twitter*” found there are five types of person deixis. Singular first person deixis was the dominant person deixis with 55,35% for Bradley Simpson and 63,71% for Michael Clifford. It is because it represented them as the only people who ran their twitter account. Another study about person deixis was coming from Nurhasanah (2016). She analyzed the use of person deixis and place deixis in political news articles of *The Jakarta Post*. The writer found that there were 246 person deixis appeared in the data. The most dominant person deixis was singular third person deixis.

The result of the previous studies is different with this present study. This present study shows that the most dominant person deixis is plural third person deixis. It is because in English translation of Qur’an on surah Al A’raf tells about many stories about apostles and most of usage of person deixis is for a group of people. Reading the single verse will make the reader confused because the verses of Qur’an relate each other. Moreover, sometimes one verse contains more than one person deixis. The reader should read each verse consecutively in order to understand the context of the Qur’an.

From the analysis above, it can be concluded that person deixis often appears in English translation of Qur’an especially on surah Al A’raf by Yusuf Ali. The researcher took Al A’raf as the data because Al A’raf has many stories about apostles

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