



Style has long been associated primarily or exclusively with literature, as a characteristic of “good”, “effective”, or “beautiful” writing.....

Style has also been defined as the description and analysis of the variability forms of linguistic items in actual language use. Leech Quotes Aristotle as saying that “the most effective means of achieving both clarity and diction and a certain dignity is the use of altered form of words (Leech, 1969, p. 14)”.

Ogidefa (2008) defines style as “reed”. The word ‘reed’ according to Ogidefa is a stick used for writing. In computer science, stylus refers to pen-shaped device used on a displayed screen to input commands or hand written text. Style itself was referred to as a manner of writing or expression. In linguistics, style is used to describe the choice made by a language available to its users. This refers to the resource of a language that the user selects form based on his purpose of communication, context or genre. Based on Leech and Short (1989, p.27) cited in Sharndama & Mohammed (2013, p. 62) are of the view that writers on style differ a great deal in their understanding of the subject matter, and that one source of agreement has been the question “To what or to whom do we attributed style?”. Style from linguistic point of view is used to describe the way or choice that language makes available to its poets. This means that there exist natural linguistic conventions that users of language select which can be identified in all forms of texts-spoken or written, technical or non-technical, professional or popularized etc (Huang, 2011, p. 58).











































(van Peer and Hakemulder, 2006, p 16). The former refers, as the name indicates, to breaking up rules or expectations. What you expect is not what you read or listen to. Following these devices, the writer attracts his readers' attention because when they hear something unexpected, they will look for clues to know what is going on. "Devices of deviation include: neologism, metaphor, ungrammatical sentences, archaisms, paradox and oxymoron. Devices of parallelism, on the other hand, are also called figures of speech" (Simpson, 2004, p. 54). They generally involve repetitive and contrasted structures. Thus, some parts or syllables of the word verbal configuration is repeated or contrasted, leading to foregrounding effects on the perception of the reader. The rest of this section sheds light on the main devices used in foregrounding theory.

Foregrounding refers to the concept of making certain features prominent in a text. Some linguistic features can be made prominent for special effects against the background features in a text (Bradford, 2005, p. 29). Scholars have examined the term as used in the literary enterprise as being for purely aesthetic exploitation of language which has the aim of making what is familiar unfamiliar in order to attract attention. The concept of deviation is closely related to that of foregrounding in that what is foregrounded is made to deviate from the familiar pattern. When the content of a text has deviated from the norms of language use, then we can say that a style is being carved out. In the process of determining the area of deviation in the study of stylistics, one has to identify the different highlighted aspects that have been made prominent.

Foregrounding is related to the notion of deviation and it provides the basis for a reader's recognition of style. Based on Halliday (1994, p. 182) says, foregrounding is prominence that is motivated. He also defines prominence as the general name for the phenomenon of linguistic highlights whereby some linguistic features stand out in some way. Thus, according to Halliday, a feature that is brought into prominence will be foregrounded only if it relates to the meaning of the whole text. He posits that foregrounding can be qualitative i.e. deviation from the language code, or quantitative, deviation from the expected frequency. So, foregrounding in general and foregrounding theory in particular are very basic requirements to understand language and literature. "Foregrounding as a style is based on a distinction between something and its background (Bradford, 2005, p. 33). In other words, it is all about making something prominent by making it different, for example we can make an object in a collection of objects such as toys foreground by differentiating it with color, shape, etc. In the same way, we can make a string of words distinguished from others by implying foregrounding devices, such as devices of deviation and parallelism. Thus, foregrounding is a very useful tool in language to affect the reader's understanding and appreciation of language. In general, this is the most obvious advantage of foregrounding theory in language and literature.

## **2.2 Review of the Related Studies**

The writer reviews her analysis by taking the previous study from the one of graduate student's thesis in Faculty of The Humanities and Social Science College Louisiana State University, namely Safa Elnaili (2013) entitled "A





stylistic categories. The result of the research, she found the president's speech repeated used of illocutionary act of assertive and commissives convinces his audience and fellow citizens that the condition of Indonesia and India enhance cooperation in Business. She found the used of passive sentences. The cohesion in speech is achieved by the used of cohesive devices such as co-reference pronouns and conjunctions throughout the speech, the President himself as a respectful citizen and addresses his audience as his inseparable colleagues in the use of the pronoun "we" and the possessive pronoun "our". To better activate his audience's interest more compound and complex sentences are used. The figures of speech used are metaphor, and very few in the forms of personification and anaphora.

From the two previous studies above the writer concluded that there are many differences between this study with its. The present study used qualitative descriptive approach and theory from (Simpson, 2004), the object is William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*, it is find out the stylistics element and foregrounded on syntax, the result is some linguistics features that have stylistics effect like graphology, phonology, lexico-syntax, morphology, figurative language and foregrounded on syntax.