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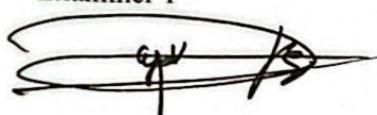
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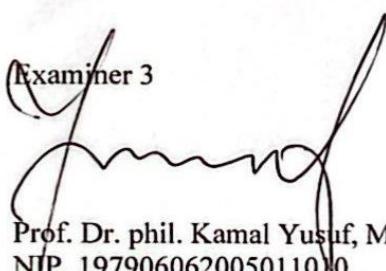
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This research aims to examine the use of assertive acts to portray social support in “The Fault in Our Stars” movie. This film tells the story of two lovers who are fighting cancer to stay alive. Social support is portrayed in the film because the condition of cancer patients requires support from others. Depictions of social support often use assertive acts. The researcher is interested in analyzing how assertive acts are applied in portraying social support. This research identifies what kinds of assertive acts are used in the film and the reasons behind using assertive acts to portray social support.

This study uses a qualitative approach to analyze the assertive acts used by all characters to portray social support for cancer patients in the movie “The Fault in Our Stars”. The researcher refers to the theory of illocutionary acts formulated by John Rogers Searle (1976) to identify the types of assertive acts used and the social support theory proposed by James S. House (1981) to identify forms of social support. Data collection involves downloading transcripts and the film “The Fault in Our Stars”. Then, the film is analyzed by identifying and classifying types of assertive acts that depict social support. The analysis continued by examining the reasons behind the use of assertive acts by all characters to show social support to cancer patients in the film.

This research reveals that there are seven types of assertive acts used to portray social support, including stating, asserting, informing, telling, suggesting, explaining, and claiming. Stating is the most frequently used type of assertive acts. Besides that, there are specific reasons influencing the implementation of assertive acts to portray forms of social support for cancer patients in the film, including expressing someone's feelings, giving advice, providing information, declaring facts or beliefs, clarifying something, and convincing the hearer. All characters in the film "The Fault in Our Stars" employed assertive acts to express social support to cancer patients to emphasize that someone with a chronic illness deserves love and wholehearted support.

**Keywords:** speech act, assertive acts, social support, movie.

## ABSTRAK

Lestari, A. D. (2024). *Penggunaan Tindak Tutur Asertif untuk Menggambarkan Dukungan Sosial dalam film “The Fault in Our Stars”*. Program Studi Sastra Inggris, Fakultas Adab dan Humaniora, UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya. Pembimbing: (I) Endratno Pilih Swasono, M. Pd. (II) Raudlotul Jannah, M. App. Ling.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengkaji pemanfaatan tindak tutur asertif untuk menggambarkan dukungan sosial dalam film “The Fault in Our Stars”. Film ini menceritakan tentang dua kekasih yang berjuang melawan penyakit kanker untuk tetap bisa bertahan hidup. Dukungan sosial digambarkan dalam film tersebut karena kondisi pasien kanker yang membutuhkan dukungan dari orang lain. Penggambaran dukungan sosial seringkali menggunakan tindak tutur asertif. Peneliti tertarik untuk menganalisis bagaimana tindak tutur asertif diterapkan dalam menggambarkan dukungan sosial. Penelitian ini mengidentifikasi apa saja jenis tindak asertif yang digunakan dalam film tersebut dan alasan di balik penggunaan tindak tutur asertif untuk menggambarkan dukungan sosial.

Penelitian ini menerapkan pendekatan kualitatif untuk menganalisis tindak asertif yang digunakan seluruh tokoh dalam menggambarkan dukungan sosial kepada penderita kanker di film “The Fault in Our Stars”. Peneliti mengacu pada teori tindak ilokusi yang dirumuskan oleh John Rogers Searle (1976) untuk mengetahui jenis-jenis tindak asertif yang digunakan dan teori dukungan sosial yang dikemukakan oleh James S. House (1981) untuk mengidentifikasi bentuk dukungan sosial. Pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan mengunduh transkrip dan juga film “The Fault in Our Stars”. Kemudian, film tersebut dianalisis dengan mengidentifikasi dan mengklasifikasikan jenis tindak asertif yang menggambarkan dukungan sosial. Analisis dilanjutkan dengan mengulas alasan dibalik penggunaan tindak asertif yang digunakan oleh semua karakter untuk menunjukkan dukungan sosial kepada penderita kanker dalam film tersebut.

Penelitian ini mengungkapkan bahwa ada tujuh jenis tindakan asertif yang digunakan untuk menggambarkan dukungan sosial, antara lain menyatakan, menegaskan, menginformasikan, menceritakan, menyarankan, menjelaskan, dan mengklaim. Menyatakan adalah jenis tindakan asertif yang paling sering digunakan. Selain itu, terdapat alasan tertentu yang mempengaruhi penerapan tindak asertif untuk menunjukkan bentuk dukungan sosial kepada penderita kanker dalam film tersebut, di antaranya mengekspresikan perasaan, menyampaikan saran, memberikan informasi, menyatakan fakta atau keyakinan, memperjelas sesuatu, dan meyakinkan pendengar. Seluruh karakter dalam film “The Fault in Our Stars” menerapkan tindak asertif untuk mengekspresikan dukungan sosial kepada penderita kanker dengan tujuan untuk menekankan bahwa seseorang yang mengidap penyakit kronis layak mendapatkan kasih sayang dan dukungan sepenuh hati.

**Kata Kunci:** tindak tutur, tindak asertif, dukungan sosial, film.

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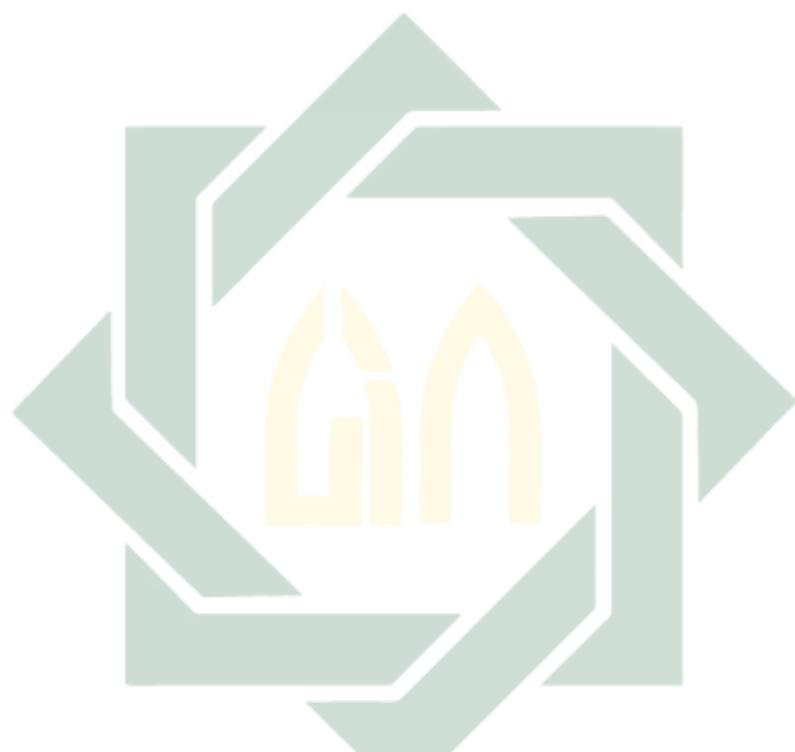
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