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The research aims to analyze expressive language disorder suffered by the autistic character in the movie "Miracle in Cell no.7". This movie tells the story of an autistic father who lives with his daughter and experiences injustice in the social environment and the phenomenon of expressive language disorder occurs in this movie. Therefore, in this study the author will answer the formulation of the problem, what characteristic of expressive language disorders experienced by autistic character and what types of associated behaviors experienced by autistic character when they experience language disorder.

This research uses a qualitative descriptive approach to obtain a clear and systematic description of the phenomenon being studied. Descriptive study in textual analysis is applied in this research to analyze the main character's conversation in the movie script. The analysis continued by identifying addition behaviors experienced by the autistic character. The Analysis is based on David W. Carroll (2008) theory of expressive language disorder into four main characteristic and theory from Patricia Zebrowsky (2003) about associated behavior that which are grouped as three main types.

The results of the study show that three of the characteristics expressive language disorder were found in this research. The analysis found that mostly the autistic character experiences difficulty when trying to speak during conversation, and also the character had difficulty finding new words, so what he did was imitate the sentences spoken by his conversation partner. The researcher also found that the three types of associated behaviors experienced by autistic character, especially when he was in an uncomfortable situation, the character always make body and eye movement, such as looking down, heavy breath, and playing his finger. This research concludes that expressive language disorder significantly affects the character's ability to communicate and defend himself, thus having a major impact on his social life. The results of this research are expected to raise awareness of the communication challenges faced by individuals with autism, as well as enrich the understanding of the representation of language disorders in the media.

Keywords: Language disorder, Expressive language disorder, Autism, Associated behaviors, Miracle in Cell No.7

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis gangguan bahasa ekspresif yang dialami oleh karakter autis dalam film "Miracle in Cell no.7". Film ini menceritakan kisah seorang ayah autis yang hidup bersama putrinya dan mengalami ketidakadilan dalam lingkungan sosial, serta fenomena gangguan bahasa ekspresif terjadi dalam film ini. Oleh karena itu, dalam penelitian ini, penulis akan menjawab formulasi masalah, yaitu karakteristik gangguan bahasa ekspresif yang dialami oleh karakter autis dan jenis perilaku terkait yang dialami oleh karakter autis saat mengalami gangguan bahasa.

Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan deskriptif kualitatif untuk mendapatkan deskripsi yang jelas dan sistematis tentang fenomena yang diteliti. Analisis deskriptif dalam analisis teks diterapkan dalam penelitian ini untuk menganalisis percakapan karakter utama dalam naskah film. Analisis dilanjutkan dengan mengidentifikasi perilaku tambahan yang dialami oleh karakter autis. Analisis ini didasarkan pada teori David W. Carroll (2008) tentang gangguan bahasa ekspresif yang dibagi menjadi empat karakteristik utama, serta teori Patricia Zebrowsky (2003) tentang perilaku terkait yang dikelompokkan menjadi tiga jenis utama.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa tiga dari karakteristik gangguan bahasa ekspresif ditemukan dalam penelitian ini. Analisis menunjukkan bahwa karakter autis umumnya mengalami kesulitan saat mencoba berbicara selama percakapan, dan juga karakter tersebut kesulitan menemukan kata-kata baru, sehingga yang dilakukannya adalah meniru kalimat yang diucapkan oleh lawan bicaranya. Peneliti juga menemukan bahwa tiga jenis perilaku terkait yang dialami oleh karakter autis, terutama saat dia berada dalam situasi yang tidak nyaman, karakter tersebut selalu melakukan gerakan tubuh dan mata, seperti menunduk, napas berat, dan memainkan jarinya. Penelitian ini menyimpulkan bahwa gangguan bahasa ekspresif secara signifikan mempengaruhi kemampuan karakter untuk berkomunikasi dan membela diri, sehingga memiliki dampak besar pada kehidupan sosialnya. Hasil penelitian ini diharapkan dapat meningkatkan kesadaran akan tantangan komunikasi yang dihadapi oleh individu dengan autisme, serta memperkaya pemahaman tentang representasi gangguan bahasa dalam media.

Kata Kunci: Gangguan bahasa, angguan bahasa ekspresif, autisme, perilaku terkait, *Miracle in Cell No.7*

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