

## AN ANALYSIS ON LANGUAGE FUNCTION OF “THE MIRACLE WORKER” MOVIE SCRIPT

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### ABSTRACT

The “Miracle Worker” movie is a good movie that appropriate to be inspected. This movie has wonderful story because the film was nominated for five Academy awards, including best Director for Arthur Penn. “The miracle Worker” also holds a perfect 100% score from the movie critics site Rotten Tomatoes. Data source in this research will be got from two source that from documentation and movie script in “The Miracle Worker”. The researcher will get some information or data based on watching the movie, made and match the script, and identified the script. The purpose of this research are with the Function of language (directive function) can help the reader on analyses of the film. In the “Miracle Worker” movie The researcher found directive function, in the directive function the researcher divided into two section, are : instruction and restriction. So, the reader can know the means about directive function on function of language

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## A. INTRODUCTION

The researcher serves the discussion the distinction of language and a language by mean speech and writing at first; both of them as the media by which disseminate our verbal messages. Of these, speech is the primary medium of expression. People acquire the ability to speak when they born; they are not taught to speak; as we are taught to write; all languages have a spoken form, but not all are written, and no natural language has been in a written form before being a spoken language. As the second it serves in words and sentences. In clarify, people rarely communicate in single sentences, however. In the dialogue of conversation, the utterances of the participants build up into a discourse. In writing, the sentences combine to form a text. Discourses and texts are also units of language with their particular forms of organization and structure. Shortly, understanding of language the researcher takes from language is the human faculty that enables us to exchange meaningful messages with some of our fellow human beings by means of discourses and texts, which are structured according to the rules and conventions of the particular language that we share with those fellow human beings.

When people communicate, they do so by means of texts and discourse. They made a distinction between the 'text' of written communication and the 'discourses' of spoken communication. Jackson & Stockwell (2011:83)The distinction is not absolutely clear-cut: there are, for example, discourse that are written to be spoken, such as news bulletins on radio or television; similarly, there are text which resemble conversation,

such as in internet chat rooms. Indeed, much electronic (or 'computer mediated') communication blurs the boundaries between text and discourse.

The research focuses on a movie when the roots of its comes from television. Television is the most obvious example, combining language with visual images, music and sound effects. Moreover, in television serves many programs to people including reality show, drama, and others. The researcher wants to investigates function of language on the movie. Keil (2001:3) stated the combination of image, movement and sound is obviously something quite mysterious in its effects of human beings, almost magical, often described as a kind of doubling of life itself, a form of immortality a permanent and permanently fascination mirror.

Language is the tools of communication needed by the human in everyday life. Language is not only the principal medium that human beings use to communicate with others but also the links people together binds them their culture. There are many function of language, such as : to give information, deliver message, express feelings, persuade people, entertain people, and share opinion. In education, language function also important to increase students' skills of using

Language and teach them how to do so on formal features of language, like: how to greet people, how to maintain polite contact while listening on the telephone, how write a letter, etc with using language function based on its purpose.

The researcher chooses "The Miracle Worker" movie as the object of research and movie script as the source of the data because The

Miracle Worker is one of attractive and interesting movie. This movie has nice story because it tells about a struggles of a teacher who wait in the face of a child blind, deaf and dumb. William Gibson as writer this movie. The film went on to be an instant critical success and a moderate commercial success. The film was nominated for five Academy awards, including best Director for Arthur Penn. The miracle worker also holds a perfect 100% score from the movie critics site Rotten Tomatoes. The researcher only focuses on directive function to focus on the research, to deepen the comprehension about directive function and also in the movie, directive function is more dominant than the other kinds of language function. So that, the researcher must use languages that can invite the audience's interest of watching this movie and help to catch and understand the messages that want to be conveyed by the researcher through a movie.

### **Language Function**

Language Function is a language that is performed for social purposes. Language has a social function where we establish relationship. This relationship is finally called as society. Language and Society is important for anyone who wants to understand the way in which languages function in society (Anjarani, 2017). Language, in fact, serves a great many functions and "giving and getting information". According to Cook (1989: 26), the function of language can be divided into five functions, they are:

#### **Emotive Function**

Emotive function is communicating the inner state and emotions of the addresser ('oh no!', 'fantastic').

#### **Directive Function**

Directive function is seeking to affect the behavior the address ('Please help me!', 'shut up!'). And Chojimah (2014: 16) states that directive function is language might be used to direct others to do something. Example : "please open the door".

#### **Phatic Function**

Phatic Function is opening the channel or checking that it is working, either for social reasons ("hello", "lovely day!", "do you come here often?") or for practical ones ("can you hear mr?", "are you still there?").

#### **Poetic Function**

Poetic function is in which the particular form chosen is the essence of the message. Chojimah (2014: 16), states that language is a medium to express feeling, interest, attitudes, and many others in the form of poetry.

#### **Referential Function**

Language is carrying information.

#### **The metalinguistic function**

Focusing attention upon the code itself, to clarify it or renegotiate it (what does this word here means?", "this bone is known as the "femur"").

#### **The contextual function**

Creating a particular kind of communication ("right, let's start the lecture, it's just a game").

### **Movie**

Movie is also called film is a film produced by humans and in the film or movie is not role for it self and has the task of each one, so the movie can be done well during the shooting. Film or movie are made up of a series of individual images called frames. When these images are shown rapidly in succession, a viewer has the illusion that motion is occurring. Bordwell and Thompson (2008: 20) examine that are : two principal ways of grouping films. One ways is by genre. When we label film a science

fiction movie, a horror film, or musical, we're using genre categories. We also usually classify films by some conception of the film's relation to reality or to its manner of production. Film genres are various form or identifiable types, categories, classifications or groups of films that are recurring and have similar, familiar or instantly recognizable patterns, syntax, filmic techniques or conventions that include one or more of the following: settings, content and subject matter, themes, mood, period, plot, central narrative events, motifs, styles, structures, situations, recurring icons, stock characters and stars.

## **B. RESEARCH METHOD**

In this research design, researcher use descriptive qualitative. In this case Donald Ary (2006:295), he said that "Descriptive Research is a research designed to obtain information concerning the current status of phenomena". According to Donald Ary (2006:11) qualitative research design is an inquiry process of understanding social or human problem based on building a complex, holistic, picture, formed with word reporting with detail information and conducted in natural setting.

Data source in this research is the data that will be got from two source, that from documentation and movie script in "The Miracle Worker". The researcher got some information or data based on watching the movie, made and match the script, and identified the script. According to Arikunto (2010: 129), "the source of data in the study is the study is subjects from which the data can be obtained".

Data collection is the technique that the researcher used to

get the data of the research. The data collection for this research is obtained from documentation, watching the movie. The technique of the research activities are describe as follows:

### **Documentation**

Related to Creswell in Fischler (2008) Documentation is a term used broadly in this book refers to printed and other materials relevant to study. In this research, the researcher used documentation as the tool to collect the data. It caused the researcher collect the data from the movie "The Miracle Worker". The researcher captured the conversation on each character. So the researcher has the picture of The Miracle worker as the documentation.

### **Watching The Miracle Worker by William Gibson**

The second step for collecting the data is watching the movie, the researcher watches the whole movie especially in The Miracle Worker on a laptop. The researcher watches the movie repeatedly in two month at least twice in a week.

### **Data Analysis**

The data of this study is taken from the utterance all of the character in the Miracle Worker movie while they has some interaction with the other character. After collecting the data, the researcher uses some steps to analyze the data, as follow:

The first step, the researcher watch the movie of "The Miracle Worker" repeatedly in two month at least twice in a week. In this activity the researcher watching overall of the movie (beginning to the end) twice in a week.

The second step after the researcher comprehended well about conversation on each character, the

researcher will decide which one kinds of directive function on function of language. Then determine each meaning of them.

The next step, captured the data of the conversation on each character. Then, analysing the data that collected.

Then, the researcher rechecks the result that written. The last step is the researcher gives a conclusion from the analysis to answer the research problem.

### C. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

#### Finding

The researcher found the kind of language function based on document analysis, there are one kind of language function, is: directive function.

#### Language Function as Directive Function

Directive function is language might be used to direct others to do something. There are twenty directive functions that found in sentences of “The Miracle Worker” movie script that used by different addresser to different addressee in different place and on different occasion. Here, the researcher found languages has function as directive function is twenty, like this bellow:

NO	Language Function as Directive Function
1.	<i>Stop it, Helen!</i>
2.	<i>Put that ladder away, Jimmy!</i>
3.	<i>Come out and sit on my shoulder!</i>
4.	<i>Do as I say, Miss. Sullivan!</i>
5.	<i>Please, show some pity!</i>
6.	<i>Give us a moment, please!</i>
7.	<i>Don't be long now, Miss. Sullivan!</i>
8.	<i>Please, tell me, Captain!</i>

9.	<i>Please, don't give up!</i>
10.	<i>Please follow me!</i>
11.	<i>Please give me this chance!</i>
12.	<i>Bring he inside, please!</i>
13.	<i>Miss. Annie, please take good care of her!</i>
14.	<i>Wake up!</i>
15.	<i>Please, wait outside, Captain!</i>
16.	<i>Please. Please give me more time!</i>
17.	<i>Don't undo what I've done!</i>
18.	<i>Please pass me more og Helen's favorite food!</i>
19.	<i>Don't get up!</i>
20.	<i>Let her go!</i>

#### Discussion

Function of language is what we say or write for a specific purpose. In finding and analysis the kinds of language function, the researcher uses cook's theory. According to Cook (1989: 26) states that function of language can be divided into seven functions, such as: to communicate the inner state and emotions of a addresser (emotive function), to affect the behavior the addressee (directive function), to open the channel or checking that it is working (phatic function), to express feeling, interests, attitudes and many others in the form of poetry (poetic function), as an information carrier (referential function), to clarify the code itself or renegotiate it and the last, to create a particular kind of communication (contextual function) but in the researcher only analyze of Directive Function in the movie script.

The researcher also analyzes language functions as Directive Function with the six aspects of language based on Jacobson in Soeparno (2002: 7), are: addresser, context, message form, contact sign,

code and addressee. So, for language that has functions based on its purposes are used by different addresser to different addressee in different place and on different occasion.

Function of language can help the reader to understand the message. In this movie there are many directive function as a imperative sentences. Imperative is a type of sentence that gives advice or instructions or that expresses a request or command. In here, the researcher divides the directive sentences into an imperative sentence. The researcher divided into interaction that have to do and the interaction that have not to do, but among the latter researcher are more likely to find the orders than the restrictions.

The researcher can conclude that in the script of the Miracle Worker movie, the researcher finds the language function that is directive function and in the directive function, the researcher devides to two parts, there are directive function as instruction and the second one is directive function as restriction. So with all of the explanations, the researcher gives the comprehension easily to the readers and the watcher.

#### **D. CONCLUSION**

After reading and identifying the “The Miracle Worker” movie script, the researcher made a conclusion. Here, the conclusion is based on summary of the finding and analyzing of the language function that found in “The Miracle Worker” movie script. In the script of the movie, the researcher finds language function based on Cook theory is directive function. The researcher also analyzed of language functions with the six aspects of language based on

Jacobson in Soeparno are: addresser, context, message form, contact sign, code and addressee. So, for language that has functions based on its purposes are used by different addresser to different addressee in different place and on different occasion.

In the finding for answer the first research problem of this study, the researcher finds twenty directive function. The researcher also answers for the second research problem about language function which can help the reader in understanding the message. Here, the researcher as the reader can understand the story because she has known language function theories and do the classification the kinds of function of language. Function of langugae is very important to understand the message. In making the “The Miracle Worker” movie script, William Gibson concerns in language form and language function. Language form deal with the internal grammatical structure of words.

Function of language refer to the purposes in which we use language to communicate. We use language for a variety of formal and informal purposes, and specific grammatical structures and diction are often used with each language functions. Function of language can be used as imperative sentence. With used imperative sentence, the reader has an easy time to understand the ideas that the writer wish to express. And function of language as imperative sentence can make easy the reader to understand the message in the movie.

In this part, the researcher proposes some suggestions, but this research does not mean that it has perfect finding. For readers and students who are interested in

analyzing linguistic, especially discourse analysis. In this research, to understanding a discourse (whole story in “The Miracle Worker” movie script), the researcher suggests readers or students must know and understand about language function contained in the movie script. With we understand about the language function, we as the reader will go easier to understand the messages of the movie script.

For the future researcher, this research is hoped can be used as references to conduct another research on function of language, especially in movie script, poem, novel or other data in a discourse.

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