# Dynamic Modality of Headline News in The Jakarta Post Newspaper Maya Nurus Sa'adah

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### **ABSTRACT**

Related to the existence of a Modality which has the function of stating how the speaker's attitude with the other person. In line with this, there is a relationship with Dynamic Modality which tends to be subject-oriented, namely: relating to Ability and Willingness in it. The objectives of this research are: (1) to find out the functions of Dynamic Modality of Headline News in The Jakarta Post Newspaper, (2) to figure out the implications of Dynamic Modality of Headline News in The Jakarta Post Newspaper. To achieved the goals of the research, the researcher used the theory proposed by Palmer to discuss the functions and implications of the Dynamic Modality of Headline News in The Jakarta Post newspaper. In achieving the objectives, in this research design used in this research is included in qualitative research. In this research, the researcher used Content Analysis as an approach. The source of data in this research is the Headline News in The Jakarta Post newspaper starting from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 edition with the topic of COVID-19, and the data in this research is in the form of sentences in the Headline News from The Jakarta Post newspaper. In this research, the researcher is the main instrument and the researcher uses documents, printed newspapers as a supporting instrument. The researcher collected data from this document which refers to the Headline News.

**Keywords:** Dynamic Modality, Headline News, The Jakarta Post Newspaper.

### **ABSTRAK**

Terkait dengan adanya Modalitas yang berfungsi menyatakan bagaimana sikap penutur dengan lawan bicaranya. Sejalan dengan itu, terdapat hubungan dengan Modalitas Dinamis yang cenderung berorientasi pada subjek, yaitu: berkaitan dengan Kemampuan dan Kemauan di dalamnya. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah: (1) untuk mengetahui fungsi Modalitas Dinamis dari Berita Utama di Surat Kabar The Jakarta Post, (2) untuk mengetahui implikasi dari Modalitas Dinamis dari Berita Utama di Surat Kabar The Jakarta Post. Untuk mencapai tujuan penelitian, peneliti menggunakan teori yang dikemukakan oleh Palmer untuk membahas fungsi dan implikasi Modalitas Dinamis Headline News di surat kabar The Jakarta Post. Dalam mencapai tujuan tersebut, maka dalam desain penelitian yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini termasuk dalam penelitian kualitatif. Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti menggunakan Analisis Konten sebagai pendekatan. Sumber data dalam penelitian ini adalah Headline News di surat kabar The Jakarta Post mulai edisi 11 hingga 14 Mei 2020 dengan topik COVID-19, dan data dalam penelitian ini berupa kalimat-kalimat dalam Headline News dari Surat kabar Jakarta Post. Dalam penelitian ini peneliti sebagai instrumen utama dan peneliti menggunakan dokumen, surat kabar cetak sebagai instrumen pendukung. Peneliti mengumpulkan data dari dokumen ini yang mengacu pada Berita Utama.

Kata Kunci: Modalitas Dinamis, Berita Utama, Surat Kabar The Jakarta Post.

#### 1. Introduction

Based on the statements from Linguistics experts that Modality is defined as the linguistic coding of language or beliefs and the attitude of the writer towards the manifested proportions (Biber et al. 1999: 96). In other words, that Modality refers to the status of proportions in context. Besides Modality according to Palmer (2001: 1) does not refer directly to the characteristics of the event, but only to the status of proportions. He also introduced that the idea of subjectivity as something common to the denominator for Modalities. Because he thinks that the Modality itself is something that is concerned with the subjective characteristics of speech and is interpreted as the grammar of the speaker (Subjective), attitudes and opinions. So, it can be concluded that the Modality is an expression of the speaker's attitude or expression of subjectivity, even referring to his opinions or emotions. In this research, the researcher chose the modality to be examined because it involved an expression of the speaker's attitude or an expression of subjectivity from a sentence in the newspaper headline related to the type of modality that is Dynamic modality. Whereas Dynamic Modality is "Subject-Oriented Modality" which is often associated with the ability or willingness of the subject sentence rather than opinions that are usually found in Epistemic Modality or attitudes as in the Deontic Modal speaker or receiver (Palmer 1990: 36). Here, the researcher wants to conduct research on the analysis of types of Dynamic Modalities in The Jakarta Post newspaper especially in the Headline News section in the front section of this newspaper.

Furthermore, the newspaper is a printed newspaper and contains reports that occur in the community with features including: general, periodically published, the contents are mass, actual, and discusses about anything and from anywhere in the world that has the main goal to inform the reader (Effendy, 1986). In Indonesia currently has a list of several well-known newspapers such as: Jawa Pos, Solo Pos, Suara Merdeka, Kompas, Radar Jogja, Koran Tempo, Tribun Nusantara, Koran Sindo, Radar Semarang, even The Jakarta Post newspaper which incidentally has the main characteristics of using English as the language of instruction in delivering information in every news.

Basically The Jakarta Post newspaper is a print or online newspaper that conveys news information using English as its main feature. Even though this newspaper is available online as a website that we can easily access at any time, here researchers prefer to use the printed newspaper from The Jakarta Post. This is certainly inseparable from the benefits of print media that can facilitate the researcher later because in this research, the researcher hope to be able to easily do analysis related to Dynamic Modalities from Headline News about Ability and Willingness without having to visit the Website every time. From the printed paper of The Jakarta Post, the researcher can easily carry out one step of data analysis, namely: providing code and marking about the type of Dynamic Modality found whether it is in the form of Ability or Willingness first.

## 2. Findings and Discussion

The findings of this research regarding the function of Dynamic Modality: As a tool to express the proportion of Ability in Headline News, only 7 data were found with details on the use of Modal in the sentence as follows: there is 1 data using Modal "Can" and 6 data using Modal "Could". Meanwhile, for the findings of this research related to the function of Dynamic Modality: As a tool to express the proportion of Willingness in the Headline News, only 13 data were found with details on the use of Modal in the sentence as follows: there are 3 data using Modal "Will", 6 data using Modal "Would", and 4 data using Modal "Should".

However, in the findings of this research regarding the Implications of Dynamic Modality in the Headline News, only two types of Implications of Dynamic Modality are found, as follows: Conventional Implication and Indeterminacy Implication. Unfortunately in this research, the researcher did not find data that contained Actuality Implication at all. Meanwhile, for the findings of research related to Conventional Implication there were only 2 data found. With the details of the results of the data findings as follows: there is 1 data from the Headline News article which is included in the Conventional Implication with the use of Modal "Will" followed by a third person (Plural), namely: They in the sentence also contain not only Willingness but also Offer and there is 1 data from the Headline News which is included in the Conventional Implication with the use of the Modal "Will"

followed by the first person (Plural) which in the sentence also contains not only Willingness but also Agreement to act. And, for the research findings related to Indeterminacy Implication, 9 data were found. With the details of the data findings as follows: there is 1 data from the Headline news article which is included in Indeterminacy Implication with Necessity in Neutral Dynamic Modality, there is 1 data from the Headline News article which is included in Indeterminacy Implication with Willingness, there are 2 data from the Headline News article which included in Indeterminacy Implication with Possibility, and there are 5 data from Headline News articles which are included in Indeterminacy Implication with Futurity.

### 3. Conclussion

Based on the research findings and discussion, the researcher can draw conclusions. First, based on the purpose of this research to determine the functions of the Dynamic Modality of Headline News in four newspapers of The Jakarta Post edition dated 11 until 14 May 2020 using the theory proposed by (Palmer, 2001) and apply this theory to analyze data in the form of sentences in the Headline news. From the findings, it can be seen that there are 7 data that contain the function of the Dynamic Modality namely: *As a tool of express* the proportion of *Ability*, 1 data was found using Modal "*Can*" and 6 data using Modal "*Could*". Meanwhile, for the research findings related to function as *a tool of express of* the proportion of *Willingness*, 13 data were found with details on the use of Modal as follows: 3 data using modal "*Will*", 6 data using Modal "*Would*", and 4 data using Modal "*Should*".

And in this research, the researcher found 11 data which contain implications of Dynamic Modality. Here, the researcher found 1 data which included in the *Conventional Implication* containing *Willingness* and also *Offer* in it and there was 1 data which was included in the *Conventional Implication* containing *Willingness* and also the *Agreement to act*. Meanwhile, for *Indeterminacy Implication*, there were 9 data with details of the modal functions in these types of implications, which varied including: 1 data including *Necessity in Neutral Dynamic Modality*, 1 data including *Willingness*, 2 data including *Possibility*, and *Futurity* 

as many as 5 data findings. But unfortunately in this research, the researcher did not find any data containing any *Actuality Implication*. There are several factors that can cause a researcher not to find a part of the research question, one of which is because in the sentence pattern arrangement of the data used, *Actuality Implication* is not found. Moreover, the data used by the researcher is in the form of Headline News in printed newspapers, so the authenticity of the sentences in the Headline News must not be changed or changed in order to obtain the results of the data findings as desired at the beginning.

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