



Syntactic Phrases Analysis in Disney Wish Movie

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Abstract : This research analyzed syntactic phrases that are used in the dialogue of the Disney Wish movie. This research aims to find out the types of phrases and the most common phrases that are used by the main characters in the Disney Wish movie. The methodology used in this research is a qualitative method with a descriptive approach. In data collection, the researcher uses Simak Bebas Libat Cakap (SBLC) and the note-taking technique. The research data is the types of phrases and the most common phrases. The research sources is a movie accessed from Disney+ Hotstar platform and a movie transcription. The researcher employs three steps in data analysis: data reduction, data display, and drawing conclusions. The research results showed that from 145 total of phrases, the researcher found four types of phrases, namely Noun Phrase (NP) which 87 occurrences or 60,00%, Verb Phrase (VP) which 36 occurrences or 24,83%, Adjective Phrase (AdjP) which 3 occurrences or 2,07%, and Preposition Phrase (PP) which 19 occurrences or 13,10%. The most common phrases that are used by the main characters in the Disney Wish movie is noun phrase. In English education, especially for teachers who teach English, this research can contribute as a teaching tool to teach about phrases.

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INTRODUCTION

Syntax is one of the language disciplines that specializes in examining sentence formation patterns. Syntax is an important field of science in English because it provides an understanding of how a sentence is formed and organizes sentence structure. (Rahmawati et al., 2022) mentioned that syntax is a science that is concerned with grammatical structure, including the arrangement of words, phrases, and clauses within sentences. Further, Daulay et al., (2021) state that syntax is the procedure and processes of constructing sentences and paragraphs through grammatical combination of words, phrases, and clauses. From these definitions, it can be concluded that syntax is the study of sentence structure and how words are arranged into phrases, and clauses are arranged into sentences. Syntax is divided into several parts, namely phrases, clauses, and sentences. Phrases are one of the basic grammatical units in English. As

a part of grammatical, phrases function as a sentence composition. Understanding phrases more deeply is the first step as a basis for examining sentence structure.

A phrase is a unity of grammar in a sentence that has no predicate and is formed by combining some words (Fajri & Astuti, 2024). On the other hand, (Melinovianti & Utami, 2022) say that a phrase refers to the combination of some words in a grammatical structure that collectively serve a function usually performed by a single word elsewhere. From these definitions, it can be interpreted that a phrase is a grouping of two or more words that form a unit but have no predicate. There are five types of phrases, namely noun phrases, verb phrases, adjective phrases, preposition phrases, and adverb phrases. A noun phrase is a grouping of a noun and other words such as determiners, adjectives, and quantifiers, that form a noun phrase with the nouns as the head (Sitinjak et al., 2023). A verb phrase is a grouping of words consisting of a verb, auxiliary or modal and headed by a verb (Reza & Rohiyatussakinah, 2023). An adjective phrase is a combination of an adverb and an adjective (Aryanti et al., 2021). A preposition phrase is a series of words that includes a preposition as the core, a preposition object, and the words describing the object (Amaliya et al., 2020). An adverb phrase is a grouping of another adverb that is headed by an adverb (Helmie et al, 2022; Sharma, 2020).

Phrase is one of the English materials that is taught at school. However, by the types of phrases, most students still have difficulty understanding phrases. This causes many errors in writing phrases. Simbolon, (2021) explains that many syntactical errors in phrase structure were made by the eleventh-grade students of the private school Santu Petrus Sidikalang in writing compositions in the academic year of 2020/2021. The common errors of phrase made by the students are noun phrases. Further, Maulina & Idris, (2020) also state that BIPA students make 10-word order errors in writing essays. One of the word order errors in this article is a syntactic phrase. A noun phrase is the most common error of syntactical error made by BIPA students. The factor that causes syntactic phrase errors in both phenomena is the interference of the mother tongue. The other factor is the lack of understanding of phrases. Because of that, this research is important to be done to deepen the understanding of the phrase.

Many research was conducted about syntactic phrases. Some previous research that is related to this research was conducted by Islami & Ardila, (2022) entitled “Syntactical Analysis of Phrases and Sentences Found in the Song Lyric the World’s Smallest Violin by AJR”. This research focuses on analyzing syntactic phrases and sentence patterns in AJR’s “The World Smallest Violin” song’s lyrics using Yule’s theory (2010). In the song lyrics found 22 sentences, 1 Noun Phrase, 4 Verb Phrase, 1 Preposition Phrase, 1 Adverb Phrase, 7 conjunctive, and 3

sentence bars. Further, Maulidyah et al., (2024) entitled “An Analysis of Types of Phrases Used in Taylor Swift Song’s Lyric from The Tortured Poets Department Album”. The purpose of this research is to determine the phrase types in the song’s lyrics in “The Tortured Poets Department” album by Taylor Swift. The theory used is Moleong’s theory. Of the phrases found in the three songs, the results showed 49 occurrences namely 19 Noun Phrase, 15 Verb Phrase, 2 Adjective Phrase, 6 Preposition Phrase, along with 24 Adverb Phrase. The similarities between this research with the previous research are the same is analyze syntactic phrases. The novelty of this research lies in the main theory. This research uses the syntactic theory proposed by Noam Chomsky (1995).

Studying phrases structure, can be done through poems, magazines, newspapers, song lyrics, movies, etc. Movies are one of the mass media suitable for learning phrases. Rinaldi et al, (2023) state that a movie is a really engaging educational tool because it can convey the beauty and realities of motion through sound effects, visuals, and motion, and because it can be viewed again as needed. Besides having effects, visuals, and motion, the movie also has a subtitle that helps to make it easier to learn phrase structure. Based on the explanations that movies can be used as an educational tool, the researcher chose an animated movie produced by Walt Disney Animation entitled “Wish” for this research. Disney Wish was released on November 22, 2023. Allison Moore and Jennifer Lee wrote the movie script, and the directors are Chris Buck and Fawn Veerasunthom. This movie is about the adventure of a girl named Asha who lives in Rosas Kingdom. Asha prayed to the shooting star for help so that she could free and reveal King Magnifico’s crimes. Her prayer was answered with the fall of a magical creature from the sky that came from a star. Asha and Star work together to reveal King Magnifico’s crimes. The dialogue used by the main characters will be the subject of analysis. The research focuses is analyzing the types of phrases and the most common phrases found in the dialogue of the main character.

This research uses syntactic theory “The Minimalist Program” proposed by Noam Chomsky (1995), as the main basis for analyzing the phrase structure in the dialogue used by the main character in the Disney Wish movie. “The Minimalist Program” by Noam Chomsky classifies phrases based on the hierarchical structure, whereas the theory in the previous research classifies phrases functionally. The results of this research can provide a deeper understanding of phrases and their structure in popular media such as animated movies. For teachers who teach English, they can use this movie as a teaching tool to teach about phrases.

And for the learners, the researcher hope this research can help they understand more deeply about phrases.

RESEARCH METHODS

This research aims to analyze the types of phrases and the most common phrases that are used by the main character in the Disney Wish movie. The research data is the types of phrases and the most common phrases that are used by the main character of the Disney Wish movie. The primary source of this research is a movie accessed through the Disney+ Hotstar platform which is the authentic media of the movie, and a manual transcription made by the researcher. The selection of the Disney+ Hotstar platform as the primary source is because this platform provides the official version, and there is no change in dialogue as in the pirated version. Meanwhile, the transcription serves as a structured text document to simplify phrase analysis. This research uses a qualitative method with a descriptive approach. Qualitative research is descriptive, the data collected takes the form of words or pictures rather than numbers (Bogdan & Biklen in Made et al., 2021).

This research uses a descriptive qualitative design because the data collected in the form of text and explained descriptively. The data collection techniques are Simak Bebas Libat Cakap (SBLC) and note-taking techniques. In Simak Bebas Libat Cakap technique, the researcher only acts as an observer without intervention. Simak Bebas Libat Cakap technique in this research was conducted by watching or observing the movie without direct interaction with the subject, because the subject research is in the form of audio visual. Furthermore, note-taking technique involves writing the dialogue that contains the target phrases. Data is examined through three key steps: data reduction, data display, and drawing conclusion. In classifying the data, this research uses a tree diagram theory proposed by Noam Chomsky (1995). The research instrument is the researcher itself. Thus, the results analysis was validated through investigator triangulation, where a linguistics expert checks the appropriateness of the phrase classification with the syntactic theory that are used in this research.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The table below presents the research results on the types of phrases discovered in the dialogues of the Disney Wish movie, as used by the main character.

Table 1. List of Phrases used by the main characters in the Disney Wish movie

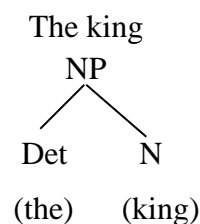
Types of Phrases	Frequency	Percentages
Noun Phrase (NP)	87	60,00%

Verb Phrase (VP)	36	24,83%
Adjective Phrase (Adj P)	3	2,07%
Preposition Phrase (PP)	19	13,10%
Total	145	

The data on the table showed that the researcher found 145 phrases that are used by the main characters in the Disney Wish movie. From 145 phrases, there are four types of phrases that are used by the main characters, namely Noun Phrase which 87 occurrences or 60,00%, Verb Phrase which 36 occurrences or 24,83%, Adjective Phrase which 3 occurrences or 2,07%, and Preposition Phrase which 19 occurrences or 13,10%. From the four types of phrases, the most common type of phrase used by the main characters is a noun phrase. The researcher analyzed types of phrases using a tree diagram by Noam Chomsky (1995) that categorized phrases into a total of five types. Noun Phrase, Verb Phrase, Adjective Phrase, Preposition Phrase, and also Adverb Phrase are each one of these. From five types of phrases, the researcher found four types of phrases that are used by the main characters' in the Disney Wish movie. Those findings are then discussed as follows: Noun Phrase (NP), Verb Phrase, Adjective Phrase (Adj P), and Preposition Phrase (PP).

Noun Phrase (NP). The types of phrases that are mostly used by the main character's dialogue in the Disney Wish movie are noun phrases, which 87 occurrences. Noun phrases consist of determiners, possessive determiners, quantifiers, numbers, and adjectives. Here are examples of noun phrases used by the main characters portrayed in a tree diagram:

(1) The king



(2) Your wish

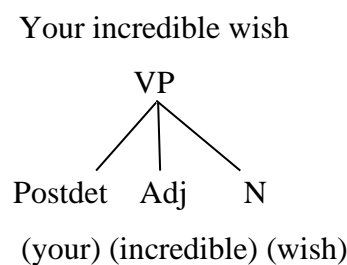


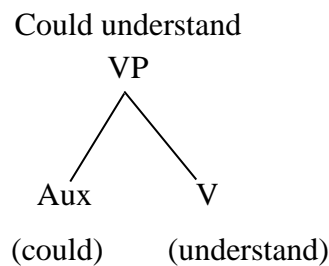
Figure 1. tree diagram of noun phrase

Based on data (1) and (2) above, "*the king*" is a noun phrase. It is because the phrase consists of determiners and a noun, *the* acts as a determiner and *king* acts as a noun. "*Your*

incredible wish” is a noun phrase because it consists of a possessive determiner (*your*), an adjective (*incredible*), and a noun (*wish*).

Verb Phrase. The verb phrase found in the main character’s dialogue of the Disney Wish movie is 36 occurrences. Verb phrase consists of auxiliary or modal, past participle (V3), and Ving. Here are examples of verb phrases used by the main characters portrayed in a tree diagram:

(1) Could understand



(2) Is happening

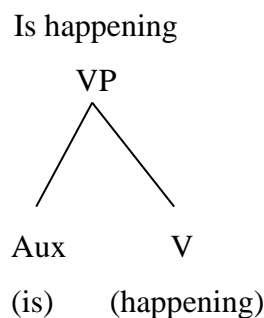
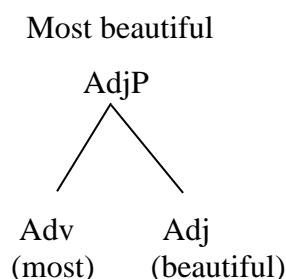


Figure 2. tree diagram of verb phrase

Based on data (1) and (2) it can be seen that “*could understand*” and “*is happening*” is a verb phrase. It is because the phrase consists of an auxiliary and a verb, which *could* act as an auxiliary and *understand* as a verb. Then *is* acts as an auxiliary and *happening* acts as an verb (Ving).

Adjective Phrase (Adj P). The least used phrase by the main characters is an adjective phrase, which 3 occurrences. An adjective phrase consists of an adverb and an adjective. Here are examples of adjective phrases used by the main character portrayed in a tree diagram:

(1) Most beautiful



(2) Very beautiful

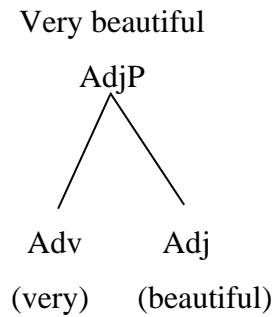
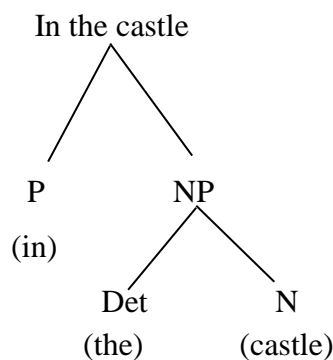


Figure 3. tree diagram of adjective phrase

Based on data (1) and (2) above, “*most beautiful*” and “*very beautiful*” is an adjective phrases. It is because the phrase consists of an adverb and an adjective, *most* and *very* act as adverbs, and *beautiful* acts as an adjective.

Preposition Phrase (PP). Preposition phrases used by the main characters in the dialogue of the Disney Wish movie are 19 occurrences. A preposition phrase consists of a preposition and a noun phrase. here are examples of preposition phrases used by the main characters portrayed in a tree diagram:

(1) In the castle



(2) With a star

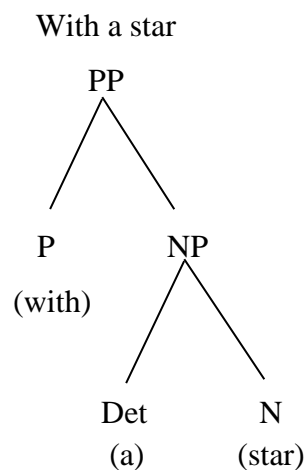


Figure 4. tree diagram of preposition phrase

Based on data (1) above, “*in the castle*” is a preposition phrase because it consists of a preposition and a noun phrase. *In* act as a preposition, *the* act is a determiner, and *castle* acts as a noun. Then, *with* acts as a preposition, *a* acts as a determiner, and *star* acts as a noun.

CONCLUSION

From the results and analysis above, deduced that the main characters of the Disney Wish movie used four types of phrases in the dialogue those are noun phrase which 87 occurrences or 60,00%, verb phrase which 36 occurrences or 24,83%, adjective phrase which 3 occurrences or 2,07%, and preposition phrase which 19 occurrences or 13,10% . The total number of phrases that the researcher found in the main characters’ dialogue of the Disney Wish movie is 145. The most common phrases that are used by the main character are noun phrases.

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