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## Affix Errors Analysis at Morphological Level in the Editorial Column of *Kompas* Newspaper

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### Abstract

The purpose of this study is to analyze and interpret language errors, especially at the morphological level contained in the editorial of the Kompas newspaper edition 01 november to 05 november 2022. This study used a descriptive qualitative method. Data collection techniques used are documentation and hermeneutic techniques. The studied data were documented and interpreted by means of reading, recording, identifying, concluding and grouping based on the use of the morphological level. The data for this research is sourced from the editorial of Kompas newspaper. Language errors, especially the morphological level, found in the editorials of the Kompas newspaper include the level of errors in the use of inappropriate affixes, omission of affixes, especially the omission of prefixes, suffixes, and confixes. Based on the errors that the researchers found in the editorials of the Kompas newspaper, the researchers gave suggestions for the authors to pay more attention to the writing of Indonesian language rules, especially in the study of morphology. Because, with good and correct Indonesian writing guidelines, it can facilitate understanding for readers of the next edition of the newspaper.

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### Introduction

Language as the heart of the culture of a nation is a means of human communication to interact with each other, convey ideas, ideas or thoughts to others. In the current era of globalization, the use of language that is good and correct is a formidable challenge in following the modern style of the younger generation who use popular language more often. To make Indonesian a solid language so that it can be used in all fields of activity and scholarship, there are indeed many aspects of Indonesian, including grammar, that need to be addressed (Chaer, 1993). According to Zaenal Arifin (2009) good and correct Indonesian is Indonesian that is used in accordance with applicable societal norms and in accordance with applicable Indonesian language rules. One of the efforts to maintain the use of good and correct language is the mass media. The mass media is a means to meet the public's need for information. In its development, the mass media is not only a means of providing information, but has also become a social institution in people's lives (Juwito, 2009: 54). Therefore, the mass media has an impact or influence in disseminating the use of Indonesian in society.

Mass media also consists of several types including newspapers. Newspapers as a form of print mass media use a variety of languages that demand easy delivery of information so that readers can understand this information conveyed in newspaper articles (Zahra, 2018). Writing news in print and online newspapers requires the use of good and correct language in order to facilitate understanding for newspaper readers. The choice of language used in newspapers has an impact or influence on the development and development of good Indonesian. Therefore, news should be easily understood by the public because the structure of the Indonesian language used is in accordance with the rules of the Indonesian language, including spelling rules, word formation, sentence construction, depreciation of

paragraphs, and arrangement of reasoning. If the spelling rules are used carefully, the word formation rules are paid close attention, and the arrangement of services is obeyed consistently, the use of Indonesian is said to be correct.

Kompas newspaper is one of the daily newspapers that is published every day. Particularly in the writing of editorials in the Kompas newspaper, language errors were still found, especially errors at the morphological level of the affixation field. Morphology is investigating morphemes and compiling them into words and decomposing words into morphemes. The morphemes intended in morphological investigations can be free morphemes and bound morphemes. Word formation through free morphemes with bound morphemes can be found in the affixation process (Simpem, 2021). Furthermore, Putrayasa (2008) says affixation or healing is the process of forming words by affixing affixes (addition) to basic forms, both single and complex basic forms. Affixation can be done in front of the basic form (prefixation).

Seeing that there are still affixation errors in the editorials of the Kompas newspaper, the analysis of language errors in the study of morphology in the affixation field is one of the interesting things to study. Thus, the purpose of this research is to analyze and interpret language errors, especially at the morphological level contained in the editorials of the Kompas newspaper, November 1 to November 5, 2022 edition.

## Method

This research is a descriptive qualitative research. Qualitative type research aims to describe data as it is. In this case, the researcher has no direct control or manipulation of the independent variables (Sukardi, 2004: 24). Descriptive qualitative research according to Moleong (2011: 3) is a research procedure that produces descriptive data in the form of written or spoken words from people and observed behavior. Related to this research, the researcher will later describe the form of errors in the use of affixes in editorials in the Kompas newspaper. The source of the data in this study were editorials in the November 1 to November 5, 2022 edition of the Kompas newspaper. In this study, researchers used the following data collection method. The researchers tried to conduct an assessment and analysis of affixation errors in editorials in the Kompas newspaper. In addition, researchers reviewed various other literature, as well as collecting data related to the issues raised. Then, interpretation is a process of giving opinions, impressions, ideas, and theoretical views on a certain object that comes from deep ideas and is influenced by the background of the person who created the object. In this case, the researcher of course conducted an analysis of the affixation errors found in the editorial in the Kompas newspaper.

The data analysis method used is a qualitative descriptive analysis method by first reducing the data. Reducing data means summarizing, choosing the main things, focusing on the important things, looking for themes and patterns, and removing unnecessary ones (Sugiyono, 2010: 338). After reducing the data, the next step is presenting the data.

## Results and Discussion

In this section, the results of the news review from the Kompas.Id news website, November 1 to November 5 2022, which the researchers have collected will be described. The research data in question is data that has been collected through a data collection process that is adjusted to the subject matter to be discussed. The main problem to be discussed is the error in using affixes in the Kompas newspaper. The following are some of the errors in the morphological study of the affixation field in the editorials of the Kompas newspaper:

### *Prefix Misuse Analysis*

This error was found in an editorial in the Kompas newspaper entitled Incentives for Vocational Education.

"The government provides incentives for companies that carry out vocational education.

Companies that do will get multiple benefits.

In multiple words, there is an addition of affixes at the beginning of the sentence so that the resulting words are not in accordance with the rules or rules of the Indonesian language that apply. The correct spelling should be as follows:

"The government provides incentives for companies that carry out vocational education.  
Companies that do will get double benefits.

### ***Infix Usage Error Analysis***

This error was found in an editorial in the Kompas newspaper entitled Incentives for Vocational Education

"The business world should make the best use of this tax incentive."

In words, there should be a phoneme error in the middle of the sentence so that the resulting word has an unclear meaning after the use of affixes. The correct spelling should be as follows:

"The business world should make the best use of this tax incentive."

### ***Analysis of Misuse of Suffixes***

This error was found in the editorial of the Kompas newspaper entitled "Knitting Cooperation in the Middle of Rivalry"

"Through a framework called the "meta-regime", the two observers are optimistic that a world will be realized in which the world's major powers actively cooperate in several areas.

In the word optimistic, there is an error in the use of the -is suffix in the optimistic base word so that the resulting word has a different meaning. The correct writing of the word should be optimistic which defines people who are full of hope.

"Through a framework called the "meta-regime", the two observers are optimistic that a world will be realized in which the world's major powers actively cooperate in several areas.

### ***Confix Misuse Analysis***

This error was found in an editorial in the Kompas newspaper entitled Knitting Cooperation in the Middle of Rivalry

"This effort requires only minimal agreement on key principles as well as the recognition that there will always be differences in how to deal with many issues."

The word requires that there is an error in the use of affixes so that the phoneme /s/ is melted into the phoneme /n/ whose spelling is ny, but changes the form of the base word so that the word becomes a phoneme that is not melted down. The correct writing of the word should require, as follows:

"This effort only requires minimal agreement on key principles as well as the recognition that there will always be differences in addressing many issues."

This error was found in an editorial in the Kompas newspaper entitled Advancing the Defense Industry

"Cooperation in the defense sector can take many forms, ranging from simply developing supplier and buyer relationships to co-production cooperation, technology transfer."

In the word manifest, it was found that there was an error at the affix level, namely the omission of affixes to the word. By removing the affixes, the word makes the sentence unacceptable. In order to

achieve the purpose or meaning of the sentence, the declaration word should be affixed with the affix me(N)-kan to actualize which means the act of trying to do something or make it happen. Correct writing, as follows:

"Cooperation in the defense sector can take many forms, ranging from simply developing supplier and buyer relationships to co-production cooperation and technology transfer."

### Conclusions

There were 10 language errors in the editorials of the Kompas newspaper, November 1 to November 5, 2022, and the researchers only found 4 errors in the morphological study, especially the use of inappropriate affixes, including multiple (using prefixes with -), in addition (infix error), optimistic (misuse of the suffix -is), presupposes (incorrect use of the phoneme in the confix) and finally manifest (incorrect use of the confix). Based on these mistakes, the researcher provides suggestions for writers to pay more attention to writing Indonesian language rules, especially in morphological studies. Because, with good and correct guidelines for writing Indonesian, it can facilitate understanding for readers of the next edition of the newspaper.

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