An Analysis of English Writers' Perception about Thesaurus Program

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Abstract

As the learners of foreign language the writers from Indonesia need more practice in applying their competence in English. Writing in English is a big challenge for every writers that are original Indonesia. Writing is a process of continuing discovery. As they write, they may suddenly switch direction or double back. Because writing is a skill, it makes sense that the writers have to practice their skill to get more ideas. This research aims to find the writer's reason in Waikabubak, Sumba Barat about thesaurus program. It tends a qualitative method and interview some teachers who like writing. Based on the result through the interview of some English teachers, the Thesaurus program is really helpful, provide so many variety words, thus the writers are really easy to find the appropriate word to use in their writing and avoid the plagiarism. This program assists the English teachers also in teaching synonim in variet words. The English writers implies also about this program, that this program can help the English teachers in teaching synonyms and antonyms by applying this program. The students are easy to know the new words from this program and are easy to understand that has been classified by noun, adjective and adjective.

Key Words: *Synonym, Writers,Thesaurus Program*

Introduction

As the learners of foreign language the writers from Indonesia need more practice in applying their competence in English. Writing in English is a big challenge for every writers that are original Indonesia. As known writing is a tough activity for individual, it is a long process. Starting from decide a title, find the reason as the proof, elaborate the ideas by using connection word and take the conclusion. In explaining the ideas, the writer need much articles, connection words, phrase, and appropriate words. As Langan (2008) stated that are for basic principles we must learn to write effectively: (a) Start with a clearly stated point, (b) provide logical, detailed support point, (c) organize and connect supporting material, (d) revise and edit the sentences to become effective and error-free. The readers are sensible people, they may not take the writers' opinion, but sometimes they interest the variant words that we type. The writing will be published and read by many eyes

Writing is a process of continuing discovery. As they write, they may suddenly switch direction or double back. Because writing is a skill, it makes sense that the writers have to practice their skill to get more ideas. In general, the writers do not only concern about the organise of the product but they pay attention the variant of the sentences also, indeed the choice words using. One excellent way to get better writing it is using variant words. To generate the topic, the writers need to explore more the word usage. A good vocabulary is a vital part of effective communication. Having many words, will help us to be better writers, readers, listeners and speakers. The science of synonyms is really assist the writers in making their text is variant.

The less having of vocabulary, will make the failure of writing is increased. Considering the lack of vocabulary, there are some ways to improve their vocabulary, like teaching synonym by using *Thesaurus Program* in Microsoft word-preview menu. Every word processing will help to increase the writers' ideas in producing a text. Since the technology appears, it gives many advantages in learning, especially learning English. Even it is foreign language, but the appeared of technology make it easier than before. The foreigner people, who learn English will access many source in technology to find courses or the relate material based on their needs. As we know, that the use of technology bring the newest, broadest and the biggest role in exchanging the information among the English learning. By using technology also, it is convenient to get more information fastest from many sources. In writing, the writers face some obstacle, like lack of information, vocabulary knowledge is limit. By applying this program, the writers will be assisted.

As the word processing, Microsoft Word is full of rich features that facilitated the writers to be better at writing. One of the tools a writer leans heavily on, especially to find just the right word for that elusive thought. As stated before, that the speed of technology changes make the teaching and learning process is easier than before, especially about English. Here will elaborate about the *Thesaurus Program* in the Microsoft Word document that means as a word processing. As the java.point uttered that the *Thesaurus Program* is a software program that is employed on Microsoft Word to discover the synonym (word with same meaning) and antonyms (word with the opposite meaning) for certain phrase. Normally, *Thesaurus Program* is used for write an email, letter, project, report and research paper.

The *Thesaurus Program* is not the Home tab, it can be found under the Review tab. The icon is an open book labeled Thesaurus, with one click and the Thesaurus will be on the right of document. If the author wants to look up another word like the synonym, the writer just type a word in the search form at the top of the menu and click the green button to research the word. The words in *Thesaurus Program* will appear so many and it will aid the writer and readers adjust their synonym knowledge.

Another meaning of *Thesaurus Program* is a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms. By using this Thesaurus, there are a lot of words that with the same meaning and the words have been classified. There are another application that provided antonyms and synonyms, but it is different with *Thesaurus Program*. Some of the applications need to subscribed and the rest have to download, however this tab has been in Microsoft Word already. It will be easier to operate and no need to donate to. This program also is going to help the writers to enrich their vocabularies comprehension, as well as to enhance their writing is to be better.

Synonyms as the discussed are the meaning of the words, it implies that the same meaning with the other words, for the illustration the word of "bring" is the same meaning with the "carry", those are pleasant to earn. According to Hatch and Brown, synonym is one of semantic features. It explained that the same entity and the share meaning. Langan (2008) describes the synonym is a word that is close in meaning to another word. Using synonym help the writers to avoid the repetition word of the word in a paper. Langan (2008) also uttered that *thesaurus* is a book that lists synonyms and antonyms.

Method

To get the data as proof and to have a conclusion about the research problem in this research, will use the research design as explain below:

This research tends a qualitative design; it is because analyse the population and sample's reason about why they behave, live and learn that way. As Patton (2002) stated that

this design elaborate the ways of people think, feel, know and experience by offering some instructions like: observation, interview and read the documentation.

Therefore, the researcher wants to find the writers' experience and opinion about the beneficial of the Thesaurus Program in enriching their synonyms when do a writing.

Population is a group of people that live in the same area and have some same characteristics and will be a target to get the data of a study, while sample is the part of population that will choose by some sampling technique and the people are become the main focus of the investigators to find the data. The population of this investigation is the English teachers in Kota Waikabubak whereas the sample is the English teachers who into in writing.

Data is the vital product of every research and it gained by some instruments Cresswell (2007:165). This study the data got by doing an observation and interview. The researcher will do an observation to the English teachers in Kota waikabubak, after find the English teachers who likes writing; the researcher will interview them as sample. Then, the data will be analysing to answer the research problem. Finally the researcher takes the conclusion of this study.

Result

Here is Thesaurus program is the main topic to be used in helping the writers to deepen their vocabulary. This section will examine about the findings. The data of the findings got by interview the English teachers from some school in West Sumba, Kota Waikabubak. The Thesaurus Program has been identified as a software program that is employed on Microsoft Word to discover the synonym (word with same meaning) and antonyms (word with the opposite meaning) for certain phrase. As software program that provide various words from one word and also the opposite of the word. It assists the authors to enlarge their vocabulary and facilitate them to get out from their stuck when they write something or bored with the one word. This relates with the one of the interviewer statement, named Miss J. In accord with miss J, this program is helpful. Since she recognized the Thesaurus program, her writing or essay is easy. When she gets stuck or not find the exact word, she uses this program to solve her problem about words. This program provides many words that still have the same meaning with the word is typed. As the writers, they need their writing is more vivid and give a topic or issue that enlight the readers. So that, the writers have to improve their vocabularies or find some variant words; it will make the readers or listeners are not bored with the repetition word. Refers to that, another sample say that this program is very cooperative. This feature is more understandable than others. She compares with the other application that she used before this program is good and too easy to operate. Besides that, it is full of explanation. Like, the words have been in grouping, for instance the adjective, verb, noun and adverb. It will assist us to distinguish the word and use it correctly.

One more English teacher utters that this program is appropriate for every writers or teachers. Beside it is simple to apply; it is no need to download. It implies that this program is free and without subscribe, because it is already in Microsoft Word menu. Mom F said that in writing we need a lots of words, hence our writing is more attractive and create an enjoyable text. The richness of words instead of synonyms help the writers to avoid the plagiarsm. The fact that when an author produce a written text, he has to consider about the copyright. Any works are containing right to not taken freely, it is like in writing. If someone do, it will affect to their professional credibility. Then, by using this program, it really beneficial for the authors to enrich their variant words.

In line with that, mom F as an English lecturer stated that this program has been in Microsoft Word so we do not need to install anymore. It is very useful to support the writers in

finding some variant words when they are writing. Based on Tuychiyeva and friends (2021) stated that writing is more complex that speaking skill. Because it is relative formal, so written languages need a lot of words, considered about lexical and use so much variant vocabularies. As we realized that wring text is the relationship sentences. The writers want different signaling words and avoid the repetition words and think carefully relate the choices words. By applying this program, it will reduce the writers' stresfull in choosing. When the writers type a word in Thesaurus program will bring a lot of similar meaning from the word that has been typed.

Discussion

In this discussion, the investigator will explain about the literature review with the result in the field. This investigation linked with the statement of Pallathadka (2020) stated that the teachers like to use software system that can improve the students' positive engangement with teachers and enhance he learning of the entire language. Based on this result, the teachers considered that the important of using some software programs, besides it is easy it really helps with the features in improving some teaching technique. The educators will give some creative ways to help the learners to experience som edifferent atmosphere in learning English. When do a job that always repeatdly, sometimes need variety ways, source and technique to overcome that. Fernland (2009) stated that so many people are eager to write and they have to build their confidence, meanwhile somehow they lack of synonym knowledge. The author said that the use of synonym is necessary, for the reason few students are aware about the mind with the full of idea to explain some topics, the person likes to interpret some meaning in their own understand by using some similar words and the teachers always share about something's definition as well.

Alliant (2013) explained that Thesaurus is one of the tools a writer leans heavily on, it is just to find the right way word that assisted the writers to be better writing. This platform has been classified the words in some groups, like adjective, adver and verb. This explanation is the same with the one of the English writer (Miss J) stated that this program is really helpful in her writing. It is full of features that could easier her to produce an essay with the right word usage, full of multiple words with the same meaning. The synonyms will be appeared and assit to get out of the confusion. Beside that, Susanto (2017) uttered that so many reasons to enrich vocabularies for each people. To make our writing is flow, we have to learn a lots of vocabularies. In the same side, we have to increase our words education by knowing the synonyms of each words. The word usage helps the English teachers or any writers in choosing appropriate vocabularies to easy produce a project.

Conclusion

Vocabulary knowledge is a crucial needs for every foreigner learning. It has some advantages to comprehend the written and spoken text. Has variant vocabulary, indeed in synonym will help the editors' writing is easy and captivate for the audiences. The authors have a lots of obstacles, like construct the sentences, relate the one paragraph to another paragraph, avoid the plagiarism and choose the correct words in variant vocabularies. To overcome the problems of the writers as mentioned above, they were trying to utilize the Thesaurus Program. Thesaurus Program is the one of software that supplies variant of synonyms and antonyms. This program is very useful in showing synonyms that have been clasify the words into some groups, like noun, verb, adjective and adverb. As a result, the writers can choose one word easily and effortless to interprate the meaning. To overcome the problem in looking up the variant words, the authors applying the Thesaurus Program. Thesaurus Program is the one of

software that called the synonyms and antonyms dictionary and it is the part of Microsoft Word and placed into Review tab. The words in Thesaurus have been classify into some group, like verb, noun, adjective and adverb. By seeing so, the writers will be easy to enrich their writing by using the synonyms.

Improve the writing skills is the responsibility of every people who has basic on education or are into writing. The development of technology will open our eyes to find more simple ways in creating our mind, so the English teachers and the others proffesions that concern English as their major, have to operate many links to improve their vocabulary.

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