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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is to discover the types of assertive acts and to define the functions of assertive acts by using utterances of the characters in the A Fall from Grace movie script. The theory from Alston (2000) is used to analyze the types of assertive acts. There are nine types of assertive acts based on Alston (2000) theory. Those types are assert, report, insist, claim, confess, agree, complaint, predict, and, inform. Then, the theory from Searle & Vanderveken (1985) is used to analyze the functions of assertive acts. There are nine functions of assertive acts based on Searle & Vanderveken (1985) theory. Those functions are to make the hearer feel sure, to assert to hearer with the additional mode of achievement, to argue against an argument already put forward, giving full account of something, to admit with additional propositional content condition, to express approval or disapproval of something, to express dissatisfaction for a state of affairs, to assert with propositional content condition, and to assert to hearer with the additional preparatory condition. Furthermore, qualitative method was used in this research which taken from Creswell (2002) and all the utterances that uttered by the characters were analyzed descriptively. The pragmatic competence in-equalizing was applied as the technique of analyzing the data. Then, the informal method from Sudaryanto (2015) was applied in this research. The result of this research was analyzed 82 total data in A Fall from Grace movie which separated into two objectives based on the research questions. For the first objective, there were 42 data found in nine different types of assertive acts in “A Fall from Grace” movie. For the second objective, there were 42 data found in nine different functions of assertive act in A Fall from Grace movie.

**Keywords:** Assertive acts, illocutionary acts, pragmatics, speech acts.

## ABSTRAK

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menemukan jenis-jenis tindakan asertif dan untuk mendefinisikan fungsi dari tindakan asertif dengan menggunakan tuturan para karakter dalam naskah film *A Fall from Grace*. Teori dari Alston (2000) digunakan untuk menganalisis jenis tindak asertif. Ada sembilan jenis tindakan asertif berdasarkan teori Alston (2000). Jenis-jenis itu adalah menegaskan, melaporkan, bersikeras, mengklaim, mengakui, setuju, mengeluh, memprediksi, dan menginformasikan. Kemudian, teori dari Searle & Vanderveken (1985) digunakan untuk menganalisis fungsi dari tindakan asertif. Ada sembilan fungsi tindak asertif berdasarkan teori (Searle & Vanderveken, 1985). Fungsi-fungsi itu adalah untuk membuat pendengar merasa yakin, untuk menegaskan kepada pendengar dengan tambahan cara pencapaian, untuk membantah argumen yang telah diajukan, memberikan penjelasan lengkap tentang sesuatu, untuk mengakui dengan kondisi konten proposisional tambahan, untuk menyatakan persetujuan atau ketidaksetujuan atas sesuatu, untuk menyatakan ketidakpuasan atas suatu keadaan, untuk menegaskan dengan syarat isi proposisional, dan untuk menegaskan kepada pendengar dengan syarat persiapan tambahan. Selanjutnya, metode kualitatif digunakan dalam penelitian ini yang diambil dari Creswell (2002) dan semua ucapan yang diucapkan oleh para tokoh dianalisis secara deskriptif. Kompetensi pragmatis penyetaraan diterapkan sebagai teknik analisis data. Kemudian, metode informal dari Sudaryanto (2015) diterapkan dalam penelitian ini. Hasil penelitian ini dianalisis 82 total data dalam film *A Fall from Grace* yang dipisahkan menjadi dua tujuan berdasarkan pertanyaan penelitian. Untuk tujuan pertama, ada 42 data yang ditemukan dalam sembilan jenis tindakan asertif yang berbeda dalam film “*A Fall from Grace*”. Untuk tujuan kedua, terdapat 42 data yang ditemukan dalam sembilan fungsi tindakan asertif yang berbeda dalam film *A Fall from Grace*.

**Kata kunci:** Tindakan asertif, tindak ilokusi, pragmatik, tindak tutur.

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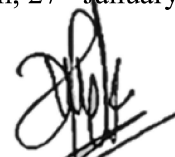
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