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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini berfokus pada ironi, sebuah fenomena umum yang sebenarnya terjadi setiap hari. Ironi adalah seni berbahasa yang diterapkan dalam percakapan sehari-hari ketika orang-orang menolak menggunakan bahasa secara literal. Peneliti bertujuan untuk mengetahui jenis and fungsi ekspresi ironis di Twitter sebagai salah satu situs jejaring sosial terpopuler. Penelitian ini harus dilakukan karena ironi sering dianalisis hanya dalam karya sastra. Pada kenyataannya, ironi bukan sekadar majas yang hanya ada dalam karya sastra; ironi juga ada dalam percakapan dan situasi sehari-hari. Peneliti menggunakan pendekatan Semantik sebagai ruang lingkup utama untuk menganalisis. Peneliti juga menggunakan teori tipe ironi Muecke dan teori fungsi ironi Hutcheon sebagai referensi dasar dan teori lain yang relevan sebagai pendukung. Peneliti menerapkan metode observasi simak libat bebas cakap dalam mengumpulkan data. Dalam menganalisis data, peneliti menerapkan model Miles & Huberman yang mencakup pengurangan data, pemaparan data, dan penarikan kesimpulan. Hasilnya menunjukkan bahwa ada dua jenis ironi yang ditemukan di Twitter. Hasil analisis juga menunjukkan bahwa jenis ironi yang dominan terjadi adalah ironi situasional. Ironi situasional mencakup 60% dari keseluruhan data dan ironi verbal mencakup 40%. Adapun fungsinya, fungsi yang dominan digunakan adalah fungsi reinforcing dengan total delapan kejadian, diikuti dengan fungsi distancing/self-protective yang muncul sebanyak enam kali. Peneliti membuat kesimpulan bahwa ironi yang paling sering terjadi di Twitter adalah ironi situasional yang terjadi karena kesalahan manusia dan kejadian yang tidak dapat diprediksi. Ironi pada umumnya digunakan untuk mengungkapkan perasaan dan menggarisbawahi sudut pandang pembicara terhadap situasi yang ada dan mengkritik kejadian tertentu tanpa menghakimi secara eksplisit.

Kata Kunci: Ironi, Semantik, Twitter

ABSTRACT

This research focuses on irony, a common phenomenon that actually happens daily. Irony is a language art that applied in everyday conversation when people refused to use language in literal way. The researcher aims to find out the types and functions of irony expressions in Twitter, one of the most popular social networking sites. This research must be conducted because irony is often analyzed only in the literary works. In fact, irony is not merely a figure of speech exists only in literary works; it exists in daily conversation and situation as well. The researcher uses Semantics approach as the main scope of analysis. The researcher uses Muecke's types of irony theory and Hutcheon's functions of irony theory as the basic reference and others relevant theory as support. The researcher applies non-participant observation method in collecting the data. As for analyzing data, the researcher applies Miles & Huberman's model which covers data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing. The result shows that there are two occurring types of irony found in Twitter. The result also shows that the dominant type of irony occurring is the situational irony. The situational irony holds for 60% of the data and the verbal irony holds for 40%. As for the function, the dominant function used is reinforcing function with the total of eight occurrences, followed by distancing/self-protective function which occurs for six times. The researcher makes a conclusion that the most occurred irony in Twitter is situational irony which happens due to human error and the unpredictability of the world. Irony, in general, is used to express feeling and underlines speaker's point of view towards an existing situation and to criticize certain events without explicitly judging.

Keywords: Irony, Semantics, Twitter

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But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Try to save the dead horse as if it is still alive. Nothing is impossible.
-Chinese proverb

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