

THE STUDY OF SPEECH ACT ON MOVIE CITY OF EMBER

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Abstract

The aims in this study were (1) to describe the representative acts employed by the character's in City of Ember movie. And (2) To describe the Locution, Illocution, and Perlocution of the representative acts uttered by the character's City of Ember movie. The method of the study was descriptive qualitative method, by using this method researcher can classifying and analyzing the utterance on City of Ember movie. The data was collected through primary data and secondary data. In collecting data, the primary data was used from quota conversation in the script of City of Ember movie and the secondary data was used to complete and support the primary data were taken from books and articles. The result of this study shows that Representative was expressed in the form of informing, stating, refusing, concluding, and Agreeing. On this research representative only found five types they were stating (28, 5%), informing (28, 5%), refusing(23,8%), agreeing(9,5%), concluding(9,5%). Based on Searle's category, researcher also find those utterance into Locutionary act, Illocutionary act, and the last Perlocutionary act. In this research the researcher hope that when studying about speech act, people can understand and decrease misunderstanding about speaker's meaning.

Key words: Speech act, City of Ember movie, Representative act, Descriptive qualitative method, Linguistic Study.

INTRODUCTION

When someone wants to interact in their environment they should build communication. Yule (1994:47) states when someone is trying to express himself he will show some actions to deliver the meaning and not only uttering sentences. Talking about language, there are some studies that focus on it. One of them is pragmatics. Pragmatics is the study about speaker meaning. Based on Levinson (1983) pragmatics is the study of language usage and context. Moreover Yule (2010:128) said that pragmatics is about understanding and recognizing what people meanings even when it is not written

nor said because pragmatics is about invisible meaning. So, learning language is actually learning about the meaning uttered or written by speakers. The study about meaning in pragmatics have Speech Act to study further.

Speech act is one of pragmatic study related with the meaning in everyday conversation. Based on Searle (1979:12), Speech act have three types, Locutionary act, Illocutionary act, and Perlocutionary act. Furthermore Yule(1996:47) states Speech act is the action using utterance to performed, and have three basic as follow: Locution, Illocution, and Perlocution. The

locution is the utterances itself, for example “you can’t do that” (Levinson, 1983:237). He said that speaker is doing something by uttering words called Illocutions, such as commanding, offering, promising, and thanking. Another expert, Peccei, (1999:44), said that there are consequent effect by the hearer from hearing utterances by the speaker. Speech acts itself have classification to learn. Based on Yule (1996), one general classification performed on speaking or utterance by speech acts are Declaration, Representative, Commisives, Directive, and Expressive. This study only focuses on the Representatives speech act because learn representative act can avoid misunderstanding in the way communicated. The kinds of speech act that stated from speaker’s to be believes or not is called representative, this type have action to perform such as stating, informing, concluding, describing, agreeing, boasting. For example some people make statement “no one can make a better cake than me”. This utterance is one of representatives because the meaning on the sentence is to

boasting. Other example is someone say “It’s raining” this is also representative because the meaning is stated the truth that is actually raining.

Talking about speech act focusing on representatives, the researchers use Movie City of Ember.

Movies are known as films and film is kind of visual communication use picture that can move and the music or soundtrack. Many people like watching movie because it is more interesting, and the imagination is already on the movie. People using movie to entertain them self. a movie camera or video camera can take pictures very quickly, and movie has visual elements which give some motion pictures and visual effect and music. The movie or film considered as art form, to entertain also became a source of education for people or citizen. Graham (2005:117) states that film has advantages as method of recording real people and historical events, and largely values as such. So, movie is important to us, because it can be tool of entertain and education.

The Creator of City of Ember is Jeanne Du Prau. The movie called

City of Ember was released in October 2008. City of Ember was filmed in Belfast, Northern Ireland and stars Bill Murray as the Mayor in the City of Ember Movie, then Saoirse Ronan, Harry Treadaway, Tim Robbins and Martin Landau. In this story was take place in sunless, moonless city where the only one light comes from electric lamps. Then after long years the supplies run low and electrical system starts to fail, and the city headed for disaster. Two children, Lina Mayfleet and Doon Harrow, take on the task of finding the way out together.

This article is written based on a research that focuses on a research that focuses on describing the representative acts on City of Ember movie and to describe the locution, illocution and perlocution acts on the City of Ember movie.

RESEARCH METHOD

This study was a descriptive qualitative. It was to describe representatives acts. To

describe the locution, illocution, and perlocution speech acts found in City of Ember movie. The researcher find some steps conducting a study City of Ember movie that called the type of study, objective of the study, data source, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis. Descriptive qualitative research is about explanations of social problem with the understanding in social life. According to Patton and Cochran (2002:2) he said that research is about characterized by the aims and it related with understanding in social life, and the method is words not numbers to analysis. The object of this research was speech act especially in representative act in City of Ember movie and the character's utterance to analyzing for the detail.

The data consisted of primary and secondary data. The primary data were representative acts uttered by characters City of Ember movie. It is information that correlated toward the research

and was taken from the quota conversation in the script of City of Ember movie. The secondary data is used to complete and support the primary data were taken from books and articles.

Technique of data collection, the researcher used some techniques for getting the answer of the problem to gather the data as follows: watched the movie several times, reading and checking the movie script, taking notes which related the data, organizing the data into several part based on classification, collecting and classifying the relevant data related to the movie.

DISCUSSION

This research focuses on describing representative act and describing the locution, illocution, and perlocution acts. Representative act is one kinds of speech act that stated about the speaker believes or not. Locution is about every word the speaker said or called the speaker's utterance. Illocution is about the meaning of the speaker said or what speaker is doing by uttering words. Perlocution is about the consequence effect by the hearer from the speaker uttered something. Representative has several types, this types of representative act show some the action as follow: stating, informing, refusing, agreeing, describing, convincing, predicting, reporting, concluding. On this research representative only found five types, stating, informing, refusing, agreeing, concluding. Below were the example of representative acts with the description of locution, illocution and perlocution acts.

A. Stating

Datum 05

05/CE/00:18:25

Lina : **Clary! It's me.**

Clary : Look at you. Roner told me.

Lina : You're my first message.

Clary : That's great. I'm ready.

Clary : Let me have it

Based dialogue above, when Lina met Clary and she stated with "It's me" she speak with showing to Clary that she is now a messenger, that it have the mark representative as stating .

The locution was the words lina say "Clary! It's me" because locution is what the speaker said, and the illocution is also that sentence because Lina state that she is now a messenger. Then the perlocution is Clary sentence as the hearer replay with showing her excitement say "Look at you. Roner told me" that is the perlocution.

B. Informing

Datum 01

01/CE/00:30:52

Barton : Good day, Messenger. What brings you to the Gathering Hall?

Lina : I have a message for the mayor.

Barton : Right this way, if you please.

These pictures are of all the mayors of Ember.

Lina : I'm related to him. He was my great-great- I don't know how many "greats" grandfather.

Barton : "Podd Morethwart, Seventh Mayor of Ember".

Based the dialogue above, Lina went to the office to give a message to mayor from Looper, then she met Barton, on the way they come in to corridor there some picture from the last mayor. The utterance in the dialogue stated by Barton includes in representative act, and it is representative act are kind of informing because Barton's utterance gives information to Lina that the pictures on the wall are of all the mayor of Ember.

the locution was what Borton said "These pictures are of all the mayors of Ember" because locution is what the speaker said, and the illocution act is also in that sentences because it includes the meaning of information about the mayors of Ember, then the perlocution is on

Lina responds that she stated one of the pictures is her great-great grandfather.

C. Refusing

Datum 10

10/CE/00:36:18

Girl : My shop's outta peas. I need 15 airtights.

Lizzie : **Well, ya can't have 15, you can only have three.**

Girl : Don't give me that. Just yesterday I saw plenty airtights in Pott Street Market.

Lizzie : Well, that's why there aren't so many today, isn't it?

Based the dialogue above, when everyone go to shop to buy food but the city in the condition of lack of food, lizzie as a worker on the shop have been protested by a girl to give her peas but the shop also not have enough. So Lizzie refuse give her 15 and only can give her three and the girl who buy is protesting.

The locution was what Lizzie said "Well, ya can't have 15, you can only have three" because locution is what the speaker said, and the illocution is also that sentence because that intend the meaning of refusal from Lizzie. Then the perlocution is the response from the

girl about protested and say she saw plenty airtight in the Pott Street Market.

D. Agreeing

15/CE/00:58:22

Lina : I was- I was considering taking the box to the mayor.

Clary : **Yes! Do that.** Do that instead, please. Let him handle the situation

Based the dialogue above, the situation is when Lina is hopeless about the secret from the box that she think can give her the solution about the way out from the city, but until now she can not solve it, and she intend to taking that box to the Mayor to handle and Clary who know that was also agree.

The locution was what people say "Mm-hmm. Yeah and ye. Yes" because locution is what the speaker said, and then the illocution is also that word of agreeing. And the perlocution is the response from the Mayor because people also agree with his speech then the Mayor said the declare.

E. Concluding

Datum 13

13/CE/00:53:54

Doon : Dad. I heard you. I heard you on the answering, Lina Mayfleet has her parents'old answering machine tape. I heard you,you said her dad could count you in. You tried to leave the city, didn't you?

Dad : W- Why would I do that?

Doon : **Because of me.** Dad, please

Dad : We were wrong.

Doon : No, you were right, There is an exit.

Based the dialogue above the situation is when Doon try to ask his dad why he not continue to find the truth where the way out from amber with Lina's dad is because him. Doon conclude with his assumption that was because of him, his dad stop to find the truth with Lina's dad and give up because he do not want Doon in danger.

The locution was the utterance that Doon said and the illocution is the meaning of that sentence that is his conclude, and the perlocution is in dad response.

Based on the analysis, it is found stating occurs 6 times (28,5%) in datum 04/CE/00:26:53, 05/CE/00:18:25, 08/CE/00:30:42,

11/CE/00:38:50, 17/CE/00:44:37, and 20/CE/00:51:37. And based on analysis, it is found Informing occurs 6 times (28,5%) in datum 01/CE/00:30:52, 02/CE/00:55:26, 03/CE/00:10:09, 06/CE/00:21:05, 07/CE/00:25:35, 18/CE/00:51:31.

And based on analysis, it is found refusing occurs 5 times (23,8%) in datum 09/CE/00:33:03, 10/CE/00:36:18, 12/CE/00:54:42, 19/CE/00:49:53, 21/CE/00:56:17,

And based on analysis, it is found agreeing occurs 2 times (9,5%) in datum 15/CE/00:48:22 and 16/CE/00:58:22. And based on analysis, it is found concluding occurs 2 times (9,5%) in datum 13/CE/00:53:54, 14/CE/00:47:21.

CONCLUSION

They are 5 kinds of representative act used by the characters on City of Ember movie. They are stating, informing, refusing, agreeing, concluding, describing, Convincing, Predicting, Reporting. On this reseach representative only found five types the are stating (28,5%), informing (28,5%), refusing(23,8%), agreeing(9,5%), concluding(9,5%).

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