ABSTRACT

Wardhatusholichah: A Study on Word Formation Processes of Harry Potter’s Spells.

Magical beliefs and practices are common in many cultures. Magic is a way of influencing the world through supernatural, mystical, or paranormal means. Harry Potter is one of the book series that tells about magic written by J.K. Rowling. In the magic world, as in the Harry Potter book series, spells are the essence of magic. This study is concerned with word formation processes found in the spell words in the Harry Potter book series. The data were taken from the first book to the seventh book. In analyzing the data, she uses the word formation theory of George Yule who categorizes word formation into ten types: coinage, borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping, backformation, conversion, acronyms, derivation, and multiple processes.

After collecting and analyzing the data, the writer found 85 spell words in Harry Potter book series. 84 spell words undergo seven of ten word formation processes: coinage, borrowing, compounding, clipping, conversion, derivation, and multiple processes. Moreover, one spell word doesn’t undergo any word formation process. Borrowing is the most frequent word formation process that occurs in the spell words, which reaches 45.88% of total numbers of spell words, followed by multiple processes with 37.65%. The spell words are borrowed from Latin, French, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Aramaic, and Hawaiian. About 64 of 76 word origins are borrowed from Latin. Latin is chosen as the language of Harry Potter’s world because it can provide a mystical feel.

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