ABSTRACT

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SMS is a digital cellular network feature that let the user send short text and numeric messages. The user can send until 160 characters to and from mobile phones. Because text message per once delivery contains only 160 characters or approximately 20 words (which are typically charged Rp 350), SMS users commonly make an extensive use of abbreviations to 'save' their cost.

This study is concerned with abbreviation processes found in SMS texts. Using Kridalaksana's theory of abbreviation process, this study analyzed 30 text messages and found that *singkatan* was the type that had the most abbreviated words (141). This was then followed by *penggalan* (19 abbreviated words), *kontraksi* (four abbreviated words) and *lambang huruf* (one abbreviated word). The writer also found five abbreviation processes that are not included in the theory of Kridalaksana and grouped them into miscellaneous type. It includes vowel deletion (80 abbreviated words), spelling changes (11 abbreviated words), single alphabet (six abbreviated words), symbol (six abbreviated words), and numeric character replacing word (two abbreviated words). As has been explained, *singkatan* was the type that had the most abbreviated words because seems to be easier and practical of most SMS users.

The study also found 12 abbreviated words which have variations in spelling. The abbreviated word '*aku*' has the most variations in spelling (4). This is then followed by '*kalau*' and '*nya*' (3 variations in spelling), then '*mau*', '*buat*', '*jangan*', '*kamu*', '*aja*', '*iya*', '*boleh*', '*sudah*' and '*habis*' each of which has only two variations in spelling. This fact seems to relate to the frequent use of '*aku*' by SMS users in writing message.

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