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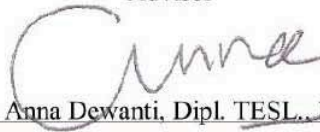
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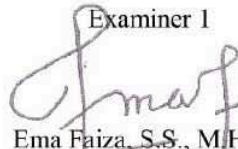
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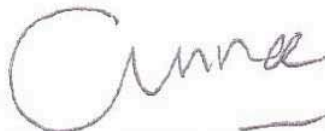
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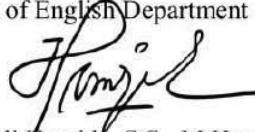
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ABSTRACT

As social media allows people to communicate with people around the world, the competence in English which acts as a lingua franca is essential. People need to master grammar as the main rules of English. Yet, people are inattentive about the correct application of grammar which results in the grammatical errors that are frequently found. This thesis is about an analysis of common grammatical errors found in *SLOWLY* Application users' digital text. The aims of this study are to find out the most common errors made by the participants, and to identify the types of grammatical errors as well as to describe the sources which are related to those errors. A descriptive-qualitative approach is used in this study. Surface strategy taxonomy by Dulay, Burt, and Krashen (1982) and non-contrastive approach by Richards (1973) are used as the main and secondary theory in this study. Based on the findings, four classifications of error based on surface strategy taxonomy proposed by Dulay *et al* (1982) are found in the *SLOWLY* Application users' findings. The most common errors are the omission errors with 96 cases (56.14%). Within the omission errors, the omission of 'be' auxiliary verb with 23 cases (13.45%) are the most frequent. From the common errors that can be found, and based on the non-contrastive approach theory by Richards (1973), which are divided the sources of errors into intralingual and developmental errors, it can be inferred that the cause of these occurrence errors are intralingual.

Keywords: *digital text, error analysis, grammatical error, SLOWLY, surface strategy taxonomy.*

ABSTRAK

Sosial media memfasilitasi para penggunanya untuk berkomunikasi dengan para pengguna lain di seluruh dunia. Karena itu, Bahasa Inggris sebagai bahasa Internasional menjadi hal yang esensial. Tata bahasa dalam Bahasa Inggris atau *Grammar* merupakan hal yang utama yang harus diperhatikan. Namun, masih banyak orang yang acuh akan hal itu dan terbukti dari banyaknya kesalahan tata bahasa yang seringkali ditemukan. Penelitian ini mengkaji tentang kesalahan tata bahasa yang ditemukan dalam surat digital dalam aplikasi *SLOWLY* yang ditulis oleh pengguna aplikasi *SLOWLY*. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi kesalahan tata bahasa yang paling umum ditemukan dalam teks digital yang ditulis oleh para partisipan. Penelitian ini juga bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi serta menjelaskan sebab mengapa kesalahan tata bahasa seringkali terjadi. Studi ini menggunakan pendekatan deskriptif-kualitatif sebagai metode penelitian. *Surface strategy taxonomy* oleh Dulay, Burt, dan Krashen (1982) serta *non-contrastive approach* oleh Richards (1973) digunakan sebagai landasan teori dalam penelitian ini. Berdasarkan hasil penelitian, empat jenis kesalahan tata bahasa berdasarkan klasifikasi *surface strategy taxonomy* oleh Dulay *et al* (1982) ditemukan dalam penulisan teks digital oleh para partisipan. Adapun jenis kesalahan tata bahasa yang paling umum terjadi yaitu *omission* (56.14%). Omission 'be' auxiliary verb merupakan kesalahan yang paling umum terjadi dalam kategori kesalahan *omission*. Berdasarkan hasil penemuan terkait frekuensi jenis kesalahan tata bahasa, serta berdasarkan teori *non-contrastive* oleh Richards (1973), dapat disimpulkan bahwa sumber kesalahan tata bahasa yang dilakukan oleh para partisipan disebabkan oleh kesalahan intralingual.

Kata Kunci: *error analysis, grammatical error, SLOWLY, surface strategy taxonomy, teks digital*