

ABSTRACT

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Military and civilians are significantly different. Obviously, we can see the difference from their speech, especially during the conversation. Military tend to act and behave in accordance with certain norms and values that are admitted by the reference institution. Conversation in military setting involves a system called the hierarchy of the institution. This system has an important role to maintain the relationship between super-ordinate, subordinate, and colleague.

The writer intends to examine the kinds of speech acts performed in military conversation spoken by the Indonesian Navy's personnel at KRI Lambung Mangkurat. Since the study is analyzing the texts, thus it can be included into discourse analysis. The writer uses speech act theory proposed by Austin and Searle, which are the locutionary, illocutionary, and perlocutionary acts, and also types of illocutionary act as a tool to analyze the spoken text. As the data, the writer records 10 conversations spoken by the personnel of the Indonesian Navy during the Watch Duty.

The analysis is done by analyzing the context of the conversation and by finding performative verb in performative utterance as a base to determine speech acts performed by the participants (the Indonesian Navy's personnel at KRI Lambung Mangkurat), namely locutionary, illocutionary, and perlocutionary acts.

Based on the data analysis, the writer finds that performative utterances that are found in each data contain order, question, request, advising, and warning. To conclude, there are three kinds of acts which are simultaneously performed in each data. This is due to the characteristics in military communication which counts on good, save, and clear communication. There must be an effect following what has been said.

Key terms: Discourse Analysis, Speech Act, Military, Indonesian Navy.