

ABSTRACT

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The present study concerns of the tenses and abstract structure which are found in Journal of pragmatics and Lingua journal. A good abstract should have tight tenses and structures which are consist of the overview of the study (O), the aim of the study (A), the reason of the study (R), the methodology used in the study (M), and the finding of the study (F). Those are used to attract the reader read the whole articles. This study aims to know what tenses are mostly found in the abstract and what the abstract structures are used by the article's writer in the International journal. The theory of Paltridge & Starfield (2007) and Wallwork (2011) is used to identify the tenses and the abstract structure. Thirty abstracts were chosen as the data. Four of 30 articles have (OARMF) while other have variant cases abstract structures, such as (OR), (OA), (OAR), (ORMF), (OAM), (ORF), (OARM), (OARF), (OAF), (OAMF), (OMF). From those all cases should contain the overview of the study. In addition, the tense that is mostly used in the abstract generally are simple present, simple past, and present perfect. This study found that the article's writer tends to use simple present tense. There are found 336 from 386 occurrences of simple present tense.

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