

ABSTRACT

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The meaning of words changes overtime. The meaning of the words could semantically change and have some different meanings from its common meaning. Semantic change nowadays has not only been found in a dictionary with along range of time but semantic change can be also found in social media, such as Instagram. This study aims to analyze the semantic changes found in the definition of noun words of friendship such as *girlfriend*, *best friend*, *true friend* and *friend* found in an instagram account, 8FACTDICT. The data were collected from 43 definitions of noun words of friendship. They were 10 definitions of *girlfriend*, 16 definitions of *best friend*, 10 definitions of *friend*, and 7 definitions of *true friend*. The data were analyzed based on the theory proposed by Breal concerning the semantic change and by Leech concerning componential analysis. This study used qualitative approach as the methodology. The results show that the most frequent type of semantic changes found in the definitions for the noun words of friendship is amelioration and the second highest is pejoration. It shows that the meaning of *friendship* shifting from time to time in the dictionary given by the Instagram user. According to the features or components that are found, the features of *girlfriend* represent a woman in negatively. This can be shown from the use of the adjectives in the definition. Meanwhile, the features of *best friend*, *friend* and *true friend* are represented in more positively.

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