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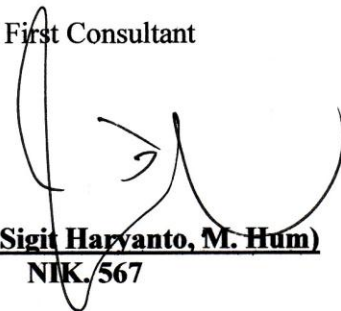
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Enrich your knowledge

Indeed, those who are truly devoted, really are in life with full enjoyment

DEDICATION

This research paper is dedicated to:

My beloved parents,

Sumarno and Mulyani Budiarti,

and also the one I love.

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The research paper entitled "The Analysis of Lexical and Structural Ambiguity in Your Letters Column of *The Jakarta Post* Newspaper Published July 2012" is about the types of lexically ambiguous words and types of sentences or phrases that are structurally ambiguous.

The writer understands that the ambiguity can be found in the oral conversation directly or in written. Therefore, the writer wants to find and analyze the kind of words and kind of an ambiguous sentence or phrase contained in the newspaper *The Jakarta Post* of Your Letters column. The writer uses the data published in July 2012 and focused on the 21 letters. In analyzing the material, the writer uses the theory of Crystal (1980) that indicates the type of words, phrases and sentences. The writer also uses the theory of diagrams from George Yule (2006) which aims to show how constituents in analyzing structural ambiguous. Data were analyzed using descriptive qualitative method. After that, the writer showed the data analysis in the form of a percentage of the formula from Bungin (2001).

The results of analysis are: thirty eight kinds of words and phrases that are ambiguous, eleven lexical ambiguous (28.9%) and twenty seven structural ambiguous (71.0%). From the data analysis, it can be concluded that structural ambiguity is the most dominant ambiguous appear in Your Letters column of *The Jakarta Post* Newspaper.

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