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Hedging is the way to express the certainty/uncertainty about something. It is one of the features of academic writing, we use it to soften what we say or write. Hedging is an important part of polite conversation. But based on the writer's experience, he found some of students are still difficult to understand about hedging. Whereas based on outline of academic writing students are expected to understand it. So the writer chooses hedging to be his research.

This research aims to identify the kinds and functions of hedging used in Donald Trump's issues in the online media throughout 2017. It is to know the functions of hedging found in Donald Trump's issues in the online media throughout 2017 too.

The subject of this research is the online news about Donald Trump's issues in 2017. The data of this research is hedging of Donald Trump in the online media. While for data sources of the research is the online news by BBC News entitled *First 100 days: Where President Trump stands on key issues* posted on July, 6, 2017. The instrument that will be used is observation by reading the online news and analyzing the hedges then the writer taking notes.

From analized the data, the writer gets finding as follow. The dominant kind of hedging that found was ADQ (Approximators of Degree, Quantity, Frequency and Time (55%), it is to show quantity, frequency and time in hedging. The writer did not find the compound hedging here (0%), it is compound of modal auxuliary verb and modal lexical verb. The dominant function in this research uses epistemic modality, the writer found (67.14%). Epistemic modality claims that hedging is used for making report results more precise, usually it is accompanied data and numbers. It means BBC News delivered this topic as objective, factual and precise.

The writer suggests to students for make an easy technique which can improve their ability, so they can understand English easily. They must be able to improve the ability of hedging and practice in their daily activity, so tbey will mastery English especially about hedging soon as possible.

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Misbahuddin. 2018. *Sebuah Hedging Analisis tentang Isu-isu pada Donald Trump yang ada di Online Media selama Tahun 2017.* Skripsi. Pendidikan Bahasa Inggris. Fakultas Keguruan dan Ilmu Pendidikan. Universitas Muria Kudus. Pembimbing: (1) Dr. H.A. Hilal Madjdi, M.Pd, (2) Diah Kurniati, S.Pd, M.Pd

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Hedging adalah sebuah teknik berkomunikasi yang digunakan untuk memberikan suatu kepastian ataupun sebaliknya. *Hedging* adalah salah satu cabang dari pelajaran *Academic Writing*, *hedging* digunakan untuk memperhalus apa yang kita tulis atau katakan. Ini adalah suatu hal yang penting dalam berkomunikasi, karena dapat memberi efek sopan ketika sedang melakukan komunikasi. Tetapi berdasarkan pengalaman penulis, ia menemukan masih ada beberapa mahasiswa yang tidak paham mengenai *hedging*. Padahal dalam *outline of academic writing* mahasiswa harus memahami *hedging* agar dapat lulus dalam pelajaran *academic writing*. Jadi penulis memilih *hedging* sebagai penelitiannya.

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah memberikan penjelasan mengenai berbagai jenis dan juga fungsi-fungsi *hedging* yang digunakan dalam isu-isu Donald Trump di media online sepanjang tahun 2017.

Subjek dari penelitian ini adalah berita online mengenai Donald Trump sepanjang tahun 2017. Dan data yang digunakan adalah beberapa *hedging* dari Donald Trump yang ada di media online. Sedangkan untuk sumber data penulis menggunakan berita online yang bersumber dari *BBC News* dengan judul *First 100 days: Where President Trump stands on key issues*,6 Juli 2017. Instrumen dalam penelitian ini melalui obserfasi dengan cara membaca berita lalu menganalisa *hedging*, setelah itu penulis mencatat poin-poin penting untuk diteliti.

Dari hasil analisa, penulis menemukan fakta sebagai berikut. Jenis hedging yang paling dominan dalam penelitian ini adalah *ADQ (Approximators of Degree, Quantity, Frequency and Time (55%), hedging* ini memperlihatkan tentang kuantitas dan frekuensi. Penulis tidak menemukan *compound hedging* di sini (0%), *compound hedging* adalah gabungan antara *modal auxuliary verb* dan *modal lexical verb*. Sedangkan fungsi *hedging* yang dominan dalam penelitian ini menggunakan *epistemic modality*, penulis menemukan (67.14%) *epistemic modality* dalam penelitian ini. *Epistemic modality* digunakan untuk membuat hasil laporan lebih akurat, biasanya diperkuat dengan data dan angka. Menurut hasil yang didapat penulis menyimpulkan jika BBC News menyampaikan topik yang mereka beritakan secara objektif, faktual dan terarah dengan tepat.

Penulis menyarankan kepada para mahasiswa agar dapat membuat sebuah teknik mudah untuk mengasah kemampuan B. Inggris, jadi mereka pun akan mudah juga untuk memahaminya. Mereka harus mengasah kemampuan B. Inggris yang mereka miliki dengan cara praktek langsung dalam kegiatan sehari-hari, karena itu akan mempercepat kemahiran dalam B. Inggris, terutama teknik *hedging*.

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