

Locutionary, Illocutionary and Perlocutionary Acts in the Short Story "Letters from the Father" by Mona Trisyah

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Abstract

Speech acts are not only found in oral communication, but also in written form as in prose-shaped literary works, one of which is short stories. The structure of language and the structure of society influence each other. The emergence of linguistic units cannot be explained only by linguistic rules. There is a phenomenon which shows that one utterance can be used to express various kinds of speech acts. This research is a qualitative descriptive study. The description of the data is in the form of story excerpts and dialogue in the short story "Letter from Father" by Mona Trisyah which contains locutionary, illocutionary and perlocutionary speech acts using theoretical concepts related to this study. The data source used for this study is the short story "Letter from Father" by Mona Trisyah. The type of research data is written data, in the form of story quotes and dialogues in short stories that contain locutionary, illocutionary, and perlocutionary speech acts. This article aims to describe the types of locutionary acts, illocutionary acts, and perlocutionary acts in the short story "Letters from Father" by Mona Trisyah

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INTRODUCTION

In communicating, humans use symbols called language. Language is a tool used to convey messages. In addition, language is also a tool of social interaction or a means of human communication. In every communication, humans convey information to each other in the form of thoughts, ideas, intentions, feelings, and emotions directly. In everyday life humans need communication to interact with others. One means of communication is language. The use of language as a communication tool must have a specific purpose that is adapted to the context of the speech, namely the speaker, the speech partner, and the speech situation. The communication process that occurs can lead to several actions. When the speaker conveys the message, the speaker has carried out speaking activities. The listener also listens to the speaker conveying the message, so the listener has carried out the activity of listening to the message. When communication occurs indirectly, the listener and speaker perform actions and utterances.

Understanding of actions and utterances can be examined through the study of pragmatics (Arifin et al., 2022). Pragmatics in it will discuss the intent of the narrative, in which the sentences spoken by the speaker can be analyzed regarding the purpose and intent of the conversation (Puspita et al., 2022). This utterance can be in the form of direct (oral) or indirect (written) speech. In fact, both oral and written narratives convey intent to listeners or readers (Unzurna et al., 2022). And in this study the researcher is interested in studying the acts of locutionary, illocutionary, and perlocutionary in Mona Trisyah's short story "Letters from Father" by focusing on story quotes and dialogue in the short story (Sariyati et al., 2022).

RESEARCH METHODS

The method is a way in an effort. According to Sudaryanto (2015: 9) "method is a method that must be implemented or applied". Mahsun (2014: 72) "in the research method section it is explained how the research will be carried out, which includes research materials or materials, tools, research paths, variables and data to be provided and data analysis". This research is a qualitative descriptive study. The description of the data is in the form of story quotes and dialogue in the short story "Letter from Father" by Mona Trisyah. With the aim to describe the types of speech acts in the form of locutionary, illocutionary, and perlocutionary in the short story.

RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From the results of observations on the short story "Letter from Father" by Mona Trisyah, there are several speech acts that can be defined as locutionary, illocutionary and perlocutionary speech acts, the explanation of which is as follows:

1. Locutionary Speech Acts.

A locutionary speech act is a speech act that expresses something in the sense of "saying" or a speech act in the form of a meaningful and understandable sentence. This speech act is referred to as The Act of Saying Something.

Data: I stare at the evening sky. The sun is slowly setting. Instantly tears streamed down my cheeks. An incident crossed my mind, making me even sadder. Events that continue to be my regret, events that make me lose time with him. That day, I saw mom and dad fighting in the room. Behind the door, I saw my father who kept blaming my mother. That day, I saw my mother cry for the first time. On the same day, my father divorced my mother. Explanation: The data above shows the act of locutionary statements, where the author tells the initial state of the story in this short story.

2. Illocutionary Speech Acts.

Illocutionary speech acts are speech acts that are usually identified with explicit performative sentences. These illocutionary acts are usually related to giving permission, thanking, ordering, offering, and promising. Illocutionary acts are referred to as The Act of Doing Something.

Data 1: There is one letter that I still really remember the contents of. "For my daughter. sorry dear, sorry mom. I'm sorry dear mother. I'm sorry, because of you, you hate your father. Darling, your father is not at fault for mother's departure. Dear sorry mother. It was actually your mother who left your father. Your father has tried to maintain our relationship. But, mother can not maintain our relationship anymore. That's why mom asked our relationship to end. You know, maybe your dad hates mom. But no, When I got married, your father attended my wedding. And you know, when your father came to see me. In the slightest, I see no hatred in her eyes for me. You know why we don't see each other anymore. We never met again, because I told your father. That I can't meet you, because if I see you, I will continue to feel guilty. So, it wasn't your father who separated us. But I separate myself from you. Because I'm afraid, you will become like me someday. So, don't hate your father. And if you can, please forgive mom." Explanation: Speech acts that tell the truth of the prepositions being expressed, such as stating, telling, complaining and so on.

Data 2: "son, your father had an accident. He's in the hospital now." Said one of them. Immediately my body felt weak, I began to cry. "Son, you better go to the hospital now." Said one of them. I rushed to the hospital. Explanation: Speech act that orders the speech partner to go to the hospital immediately because the father had an accident.

Data 3: Then I saw a piece of paper. I opened and read the paper. "My daughter forgive father. Forgive dad, for separating you from your mother. I think, the presence of father in your life is enough. But it turns out, you also need your mother's presence. I hope you forgive my mistakes, and please keep smiling. I will be happy to see you smile. I love you" Explanation: A speech act in which the father character blames himself for separating the mother from the child.

Data 4: In my life, I realized dad is my best friend. Father forgive me. I am the worst daughter. I wish everyone in this world get a father like you. A father who loves his daughter very much, Thank you to every father who takes the time to care for and look after his daughter. I love you daddy. Explanation: Speech acts in which the character expresses, or informs his psychological characteristics after the departure of his father, such as saying thank you, congratulating, forgiving, praising, blaming, and so on.

3. Perlocutionary Speech Acts

A perlocutionary speech act is a speech act that relates to the speech of another person in relation to the non-linguistic attitudes and behavior of that other person. A speech uttered by someone often has the power of influence (perlocutionary force), or an effect on those who listen to it. This effect or power of influence can be intentionally or unintentionally created by speakers. Speech acts whose utterances are intended to influence the interlocutor are called perlocutionary acts. This action is called the act of affecting someone.

Data1: I stare at the evening sky. The sun is slowly setting. Instantly tears streamed down my cheeks. An incident crossed my mind, making me even sadder. Data 2: "son, your father had an accident. He's in the hospital now." Said one of them. Immediately my body felt weak, I began to cry. Explanation: The two data above show the effect shown by the character in the form of movement, such as nodding, shaking his head, laughing, sad and so on.

CONCLUSION

A locutionary speech act is a speech act that expresses something in the sense of "saying" or a speech act in the form of a meaningful and understandable sentence. Meanwhile, illocutionary speech acts are speech acts that are usually identified with explicit performative sentences. Then for perlocutionary, it is a speech act whose utterance is intended to influence the interlocutor. And it can be concluded that in the short story "Letters from Father" by Mona Trisyah, several results of the analysis of locutionary, illocutionary and perlocutionary acts were obtained.

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