AN ANALYSIS OF INDONESIAN ABBREVIATIONS IN THE CRIME RUBRIC OF *HARIAN UMUM SINGGALANG* NEWSPAPER

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ABSTRAK

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Bahasa merupakan alat komunikasi bagi manusia, baik secara lisan maupun tulisan. Dalam berkomunikasi, para pengguna bahasa sering memvariasikan bahasa mereka, salah satunya yaitu dengan menyingkat kata yang disebut dengan *abbreviations*. *Abbreviations* adalah proses menyingkat kata. Dalam skripsi ini, dibahas *abbreviations* yang terdapat pada *rubrik kriminal* terutama berita *utama* pada *rubrik kriminal di koran Harian Umum Singgalang*. Di dalam *rubrik kriminal* tersebut, banyak ditemukan singkatan yang terdiri dari lembaga baik dibidang hukum maupun pemerintahan, nama orang dan jabatan.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengelompokkan singkatan ke dalam beberapa tipe yang ditemukan oleh Weakly (2006) dan Schendl (2001:28-29) yang dikenal dengan *types of abbreviations*. Penelitian ini termasuk ke dalam penelitian deskriptif berdasarkan fakta atau apa yang sebenarnya penulis temukan mengenai singkatan tersebut.

Dari hasil penelitian, penulis menemukan kelima tipe *abbreviations* tersebut. Lima tipe tersebut antara lain: *clipping word, acronym, initialism, contraction dan blends*. Dalam penelitian ini ditemukan bahwa tipe singkatan yang sering ditemukan adalah tipe *blends*.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problem

Language is an important tool of communication in human life. There are no civilization, culture, science and technology without language. Language has important function in the society. The function is as a communication media between one and each other. Also, language functions as mirror of social environment knowledge. With those function, it can be concluded that people never run away from the language.

There is an aphorism tells that by often reading, people can know every thing. It means that by reading people will get much information for their life and can connect them with other. Nowadays, there are many reading sources, like books, magazines and newspaper, but among them newspaper is the nearest one thing in people life because it gives many information that are needed by people. A newspaper also gives detail information and complete news, like crime rubric, economic rubric, and political rubric, and so on. Each news has many variety of languages and unique. The interesting thing in each information that is given must be briefly, and accurately. Besides, it is also easy to be understood by every reader especially in understanding abbreviations.

Sudaryanto (1995) said that a language used in news writing have to creative, academic language or logical language, business language, philosophy language

and literacy language. There are many abbreviations in the newspaper, exactly in the crime rubric. In fact, it can make the reader confuse the meaning of abbreviations.

According to Kamus Besar Bahasa Indonesia (KBBI,1994:945) an abbreviation is a result from abbreviating some words. It is used to summarize idea in communication. The using of abbreviations will add new vocabulary, but many of it has bad form. An abbreviation has been style for many aspects of life in Indonesia. If it is concerned, there are many words that is become abbreviations. For instance, Departement Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan will be abbreviating as P dan K, also Depdiknas (Departement Pendidikan Nasional). Sometimes an abbreviation becomes usual word that used by people. Because of that, almost of abbreviations that are abbreviated cannot follow the rules and it becomes ambiguous.

The process of abbreviations form in the crime rubric is still not clear because the journalist often abbreviates some word without following the rule. Even they do not understand that abbreviations are consists of some types. Each type of abbreviations has different process. There are six types of abbreviations (Weakly, 2006) and Schendl (2001: 28-29). They are Clipping word, acronym, initialism, contraction, and blends. Each type has different function.

Based on the explanation above, there are some reasons to study the phenomena of using abbreviations in the crime rubric of "Harian Umum Singgalang" newspaper. Firstly, there is digressing of abbreviations processing that done by journalist. Secondly, the using of abbreviations made readers does

not have knowledge about it, so it will cause hesitation and misunderstanding of meaning and will make ambiguity. Thirdly, it can influence the goal of communication and reduce the real function of Indonesian language which is used by journalist in it. Beside that, most of people think that the use of abbreviations in oral or written forms can damage the originality of regional language, and than becomes popular in the society. So, this research will analyzes about abbreviations in the crime rubric of "Harian Umum Singgalang" newspaper published on February 2009.

B. Identification of the Problem

The abbreviations in the newspaper have been used since long time ago. The abbreviations are used in many languages, including English and Indonesian language. An abbreviation means a process of new word form that has similar meaning with the word before. An abbreviation could form from the jetty to jetty or the both of the back part also with the tip of it and the jetty. Beside that, the formation of abbreviations concludes of a letter of a word.

The study of abbreviations of the language can be found in the book, magazines, and many articles in the every rubric in newspaper, such as politic rubric, crime rubric, sport rubric and economic rubric.

Related to this, there are many research problems that can studied, such as the using of abbreviations, the reason why people use abbreviations, the effect of using abbreviations, the time of abbreviations used, types of abbreviations and also cause of abbreviations.

C. Limitation of the Problem

Based on the identification of the problem above, the study was focused to the types of abbreviations in the crime rubric of "Harian Umum Singgalang" newspaper issued in February 2009.

D. Formulation of the Problem

The problem of this study is formulated as follows "What are the types of abbreviations in the crime rubric of "Harian Umum Singgalang" newspaper.

E. Research Questions

Besides on the formulation above, this research answers the questions as follows:

1. Did the newspaper use the clipping word in the crime rubric?
2. Did the newspaper use the acronym in the crime rubric?
3. Did the newspaper use the initialism in the crime rubric?
4. Did the newspaper use the contraction in the crime rubric?
5. Did the newspaper use the blends in the crime rubric?

D. Purposes of the study

The purpose of this study was to identify types of abbreviations: clipping word, acronym, initialism, contraction, and blends that were found in the crime rubric of "Harian Umum Singgalang" newspaper.

G. Significance of the Study

Making abbreviations is not easy. Journalist often do mistake they do not know how to abbreviate some word well. They sometimes do it without looking at the rules and it mistakes the explosion of vocabulary that has much meaning.

This researcher expects that the result of this study will be useful for everyone who wants to analyze abbreviations. It also gives contribution and enriches development of linguistics and general. Furthermore, this research is hoped to develop the knowledge about types of abbreviations for the readers or for writer herself. Then, the writer expects that this research can be used as reference for further research.

H. Definition of Key Terms

1. Harian Umum Singgalang newspaper is a local newspaper in West Sumatera published every day.

2. Crime rubric is the rubric reports about the events found in "Harian Umum Singgalang" newspaper.

3. Indonesian Abbreviations are abbreviations in Indonesian Languages used in the crime news of "Harian Umum Singgalang " newspaper.

4. Types of abbreviations are the classification of abbreviations which are based on clipping word, acronym, initialism, contraction, and blends.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

A. Conclusion

Based on the data analysis and findings in chapter IV, there are many abbreviations found in the crime rubric in "Harian Umum Singgalang" newspaper. All types of abbreviations are used in the government institutions, people's names, also in the title and laws.

There are five types of abbreviations in the crime rubric in "Harian Umum Singgalang" newspaper: clippings words, acronyms, initialisms, contractions, and blends. However, it could be found a word like acronym because written in capital letter but the process of form abbreviation is contraction. It is "PAM" with "Pengamanan". This word is one of unique abbreviations because different with another abbreviations in Indonesian language.

There are also English abbreviations used in writing the news beside Indonesian abbreviations. Beside the journalist used abbreviations in writing hot crime news depends on necessity on news, because there are some abbreviations that have same form but different meanings, such as "PT" meanings is "Perseroan Terbatas" and "Perguruan Tinggi", and "LP" meanings are "Laporan Polisi" and "Lembaga Permasyarakatan".

B. Suggestion

Based on the conclusion above there are some suggestions. First, a journalist should follow the rule of abbreviations process before abbreviating

some word. Second, the abbreviation should be clear, so it will not become ambiguously. Third, do not use abbreviations too much; in order the readers can understand the news easily.

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