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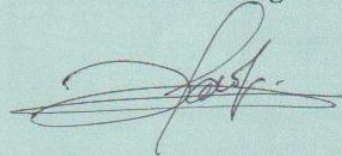
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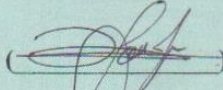
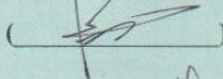
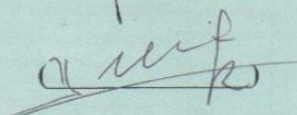
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ABSTRAK

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Makalah ini bertujuan untuk menemukan jenis konjungsi yang sering digunakan di dalam kolom opini pada surat kabar harian *Singgalang*. Data penelitian ini diambil dari kolom opini yang terdiri dari 9 edisi surat kabar *Singgalang* yang diterbitkan selama bulan Mei 2013. Dari 9 edisi tersebut, diperoleh 102 penggunaan konjungsi yang terbagi kepada konjungsi koordinatif, konjungsi subordinatif, dan konjungsi korelatif. Di samping itu, terdapat beberapa fungsi konjungsi; menunjukkan waktu, konsesi, perlawanan, alasan, hasil, kondisi, orang, benda, pilihan, dan penambah informasi. Pengelompokan konjungsi kepada koordinatif, subordinatif, dan korelatif merujuk kepada teori tipe konjungsi yang dikembangkan oleh Leech (2006) dan fungsi konjungsi berdasarkan pendapat Werner (2002). Dari hasil analisis data, ditemukan bahwa konjungsi berjenis koordinatif paling sering digunakan dengan frekuensi 52 kali (50,98%). Sementara itu, konjungsi subordinatif digunakan sebanyak 32 kali (31,37%) dan konjungsi korelatif paling sedikit digunakan dengan 18 kali (17,64%). Temuan penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa konjungsi yang terdapat dalam kolom opini surat kabar *Singgalang* lebih sering menggunakan konjungsi koordinatif, yaitu penggabungan dua klausa atau lebih untuk menciptakan kalimat yang lengkap.

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problem

Conjunction plays an important role in communication. It acts as a link or a connector between the clauses with other clauses. Conjunction also combines a set of grammatical functions into larger grammatical units. This is reinforced by the opinion of Ramlan (1985: 13) who says conjunctions are words that connect words, parts of sentences, and sentences.

The conjunctions will always be used in our daily conversation. Conjunctions can be used in the form of oral and written. However, the function of the use of the conjunction itself will be seen more clearly in the written term. The use of conjunction can be found in all written forms, such as novel, magazine, and newspaper.

One of the written forms which uses conjunction is newspaper. Newspaper is a tool in the form of written media which provides information for people. The study of conjunction in the newspaper media is important since it studies the coherence of the articles or decreases the ambiguity of the paragraph in articles. The sentences in those paragraphs will not be kept together without using the conjunction because the idea does not relate each other

The conjunction usually can be found in the argument sentences which is analyze one fact combine with the other facts or opinions. Opinion column in *Singgalang* newspaper is one of the examples which use conjunctions mostly. *Singgalang's* opinion column is one space of newspaper which contains the

opinion of experts to analyze the scientific facts. Therefore, the writer chooses the opinion column to find out the use of conjunction in *Singgalang* newspaper.

This paper is conducted on types and functions of conjunction found in opinion column of *Singgalang* Newspaper. There are numbers of reasons why *Singgalang* is chosen. First, it is because this newspaper is read by many people, especially in West Sumatra. Second, the *Singgalang* newspaper is also published every day, so it will be easier to get the data related to the use of conjunction in this newspaper.

1.2 Limitation of the Problem

In this paper, the writer focuses on the analysis of the use of conjunction in articles of *Singgalang* newspaper. Then, this study is limited into grammatical studies. To avoid wider explanation and diverges the major topic, the writer limits the analysis on the types of conjunction and the functions of the conjunctions found in *Singgalang* opinion column.

1.3 Formulation of the Problem

Based on limitation of the problem above, the writer formulated the problem of this research as the questions follow:

1. What are the types of conjunction mostly found in *Singgalang* opinion column?
2. What are the functions of each conjunction that found in *Singgalang* opinion column?

1.4 Purpose of Writing the Paper

The aims of this paper are:

1. To describe types of conjunction which mostly used in *Singgalang* opinion column.
2. To describe functions of each conjunction that found in in *Singgalang* opinion column.

1.5 Technique of Collecting Data

The data of this paper are the conjunctions which were used in *Singgalang* opinion column. The sources of the data were the articles in *Singgalang* opinion column in range of one month, May 1st until May 31st 2013. In the process of collecting the data, several steps used, they are:

1. Collecting the data

The writer collected the articles, especially the opinion column of *Singgalang* newspaper. From those articles, only sentences which use conjunction taken as source of data.

2. Reading the newspapers

The writer read the opinion column articles in *Singgalang* newspaper carefully in order to find the conjunctions which were used in those articles. After that, the writer gave mark to each conjunction which was found in the articles.

3. Tabulating the data

The writer collected all the conjunctions which were found in the newspaper and put it into a table.

4. Typing the data

The writer typed the data into soft data so that they can be classified clearly.

1.6 Technique of Data Analysis

In this paper, there are several steps used in the process of analyzing the data. The steps are:

1. Classifying the types of conjunction

After tabulating the data, the writer identified and classified the types and the functions of conjunction of each data.

2. Analyzing the data

The data were analyzed to support the reasons why it was classified into a particular types and functions of the conjunction. Then, the writer determined the types and the functions of the conjunctions which were most frequently used in the articles of *Singgalang* newspaper. This research was a kind of descriptive research because it described and explained about the types and the functions of conjunction in *Singgalang* newspaper. Key (1997) stated that descriptive research is used to get information to describe condition and situation.

3. Presenting the data

In this last step, the writer presented the conclusion of data based on the findings above.