

Corpus Linguistic Research: Analyze The Use of Possessive Pronoun in P.S I Still Love You Novel By Jenny Han

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Abstract

In this article, the researchers talk about the possessive pronoun found in a novel by Jenny Han entitled "P.S I Still Love You". The possessive pronoun is a type of a pronoun that shows something that belongs to someone. There are 2 types of the possessive pronoun, which are possessive pronoun (absolute possessive pronoun) and possessive adjective (weak possessive pronoun). The possessive pronoun includes my, mine, your, yours, our, ours, his, her, hers, its, their, and theirs. This research using the descriptive qualitative method to help these analyses. In this research, the researcher showed the possessive pronoun that appeared in the P.S I Still Love You, a novel by Jenny Han. The researcher also divided it into its type.

Keyword: possessive pronoun, novel, pronoun

Introduction

Linguistic is an orderly think about the structure and advancement of human language, and it is appropriate to each perspective of human endeavour. Linguistic investigate how to get the language knowledge, the effect of their knowledge on their cognitive process, how it changes when speaks with other people and in another geographic district, and the development of their knowledge. Talking about linguistic or language, it also alluding to grammar because grammar is the rules of language. According to Gerot and Wignell (1994), Grammar is a theory of language, how language is put together and how it works. Harmer (2001) said that grammar is the description of the ways in which word can change their forms and can be combined into sentences in the language. So, grammar is the rules and the relation in the sentences of language that can. In grammar, there is part of speech like noun, pronoun, adjective, adverb, conjunction, etc. That part still divided into several units. Here, the researcher will discuss about pronoun, especially the possessive pronoun. Pronoun is a word that refers to or takes the place or noun. According to Eka, (2008), Pronouns are seen as grammatical items of the closed system which may function in place of nouns and noun phrases. There are many types of pronouns. It is personal pronoun, possessive pronoun, reflexive pronoun, demonstrative pronoun, relative pronoun, interrogative pronoun, reciprocal pronoun, universal pronoun, distributive pronoun, and indefinite pronoun. The possessive pronoun is a kind of pronoun that indicates something that belongs to someone. The possessive pronoun are divided into two types. It is possessive pronoun (strong possessive pronoun) and adjective possessive (weak possessive pronoun). The difference between a possessive pronoun and a possessive adjective is possessive pronoun is followed by nouns when a possessive adjective is not. The possessive pronoun can replace nouns, while the possessive adjective modifies nouns.



Methodology

This research used the descriptive qualitative method. It is a combination of the descriptive method with qualitative research. Sugiyono (2005: 21) states that the descriptive method is a method used to describe or analyze a research result but not used to make broader conclusions. According to Sandelowski, qualitative descriptive research: should be seen as a categorical, as opposed to a non-categorical, alternative for inquiry; is less interpretive than an 'interpretive description' approach because it does not require the researcher to move as far from or into the data; and, does not require a conceptual or highly abstract rendering of the data, compared to other qualitative designs. And according to I Made Winartha (2006;155), analysis descriptive qualitative method is analyzing, describing, and summarizing the circumstances, situation from various data collected by interviews or observations on the subject in the field. There are many types of pronoun. It is personal pronoun, possessive pronoun, indefinite pronoun, relative pronoun, interrogative pronoun, reflexive pronoun, demonstrative pronoun, intensive pronoun, and reciprocal pronoun. Here, the research will describe the result of their analysis and present the data that they have researched. The researcher will use a novel by Jenny Han entitled P.S I Still Love You. This novel has 260 pages that contain 79.580 words. Here, the researcher analyses the possessive that pronoun found in this novel.

Findings and Discussion

In this chapter, the researcher will present the research finding and discussion. It will show the data (possessive pronoun) found in P.S I Still Love You, a novel by Jenny Han. The researcher makes the table simply for the researcher for calculating the findings. You can see it below this. The researcher also ranked it and classified it by its type.

Table 1. Frequency of pronouns

No	Frequency	Cluster	Percentage
1	1104	My	34.55%
2	41	Mine	1.28%
3	240	Your	7.51%
4	16	Yours	0.50%
5	756	Her	23.66%
6	6	Hers	0.18%
7	401	Him	12.55%
8	456	His	14.27%
9	110	Our	3.44%
10	5	Ours	0.15%
11	46	Their	1.43%
12	2	Theirs	0.06%
13	6	Its	0.18%
14	6	Its	0.18%

Based on this analysis, the researcher found 3195 data of possessive pronoun that used in this novel. The possessive pronoun that mostly appeared is the possessive adjective (weak possessive pronoun). The possessive pronoun (absolute possessive pronoun) has 532 total of words when the possessive adjective is 2663 words. The most possessive adjective that most



often appears in P.S I Still Love You, a novel by Jenny Han, is “My” which has been appeared 1104 times and have the highest percentage, which is 34.55%.

Table 2. Possessive Pronoun (Absolute possessive pronoun)

Rank	Frequency	Cluster	Percentage
1	456	His	14.27%
2	41	Mine	1.28%
3	16	Yours	0.50%
4	6	Hers	0.18%
5	6	Its	0.18%
6	5	Ours	0.15%
7	2	Theirs	0.06%

Table 3. Possessive Adjective (Weak possessive pronoun)

Rank	Frequency	Cluster	Percentage
1	1104	My	34.55%
2	756	Her	23.66%
3	401	Him	12.55%
4	240	Your	7.51%
5	110	Our	3.44%
6	46	Their	0.06%
7	6	Its	0.18%

Conclusions

Based on this research, we can conclude that the possessive adjective (weak possessive pronoun) appeared more often than possessive adjective (absolute possessive pronoun). The word of possessive adjective (weak possessive pronoun) that most commonly used is ‘My’ with the percentage 34.55%, that has been appeared 1104 times.

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