

## IDENTIFYING THE USE OF ABSTRACT AND CONCRETE NOUN IN CHARLOTTE'S WEB NOVEL BY E.B WHITE

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### Abstract

This research is conducted to identifying the used concrete and abstract noun in Charlotte's Web Novel by E.B White. The main focus of this research to find concrete and abstract noun from Charlotte's Web Novel. An abstract noun is a word that expresses ideas, feelings, situations that can imagine and feel but can't be touched by our senses. A concrete noun tangible word that can be seen with our senses can be touched and can be observed. The type of this research is used the descriptive qualitative method. This research was conducted by analyzing and identifying the use of concrete and abstract nouns that most often appear in Charlotte's Web novel. This research employs descriptive qualitative research. To analyze the data, the researcher uses several steps; the first is reading the novel's, the second is identifying and collecting the data, third is writing all of the data in the paper. The result of this study shows that there are 273 total numbers of abstract nouns, the most abstract nouns that appeared in this novel word "Life" there are 36 words. There is 2.799 total number of concrete nouns, the most concrete nouns that appeared in this novel word "Wilbur" as a name of a person.

Keywords – **noun, concrete and abstract noun, novel**

### Introduction

A noun is the name of a person, thing, quality, activity, the concept of foundation (Erich and Murphy 1988:17). A noun is a word used to describe words such as names of person, animals, places, things, etc. The existence of the noun is very important in the sentence because the noun will become the subject, object, and compliment. Nouns are classified into three, first based on their names; is common nouns, proper nouns, and collective nouns. The second is based on the amount, namely countable nouns and uncountable nouns. The last noun is based on the object it is a concrete and abstract noun. Concrete nouns can identify with our senses such as touch, hearing, taste, sight, for example, *car, hand, book*, and abstract nouns cannot identify with our senses, for example, *love, hurt, kindness*. Some rules must be remembered when using abstract nouns, abstract nouns usually cannot be modified with quantifiers, abstract nouns cannot be assigned an indefinite article and abstract nouns can be made from a verb or an adjective.

This research focuses on identifying abstract and concrete nouns in Charlotte's Web Novel by E.B White. The reason for identifying the abstract and concrete nouns in Charlotte's Web Novel is to identify, compare and classify nouns that are included in the abstract nouns and concrete nouns in Charlotte's Web Novel. This novel is chosen because Charlotte's Web is a great novel and the researcher is interested in analyzing abstract and concrete nouns in this novel.



## Methodology

The type of research is using the descriptive qualitative method. It involves organizing, accounting for, and explaining the data (Cohen et al, 2007:461). The qualitative research process and analyzes the data. It is concerned with the qualitative phenomenon, or more especially, the aspect relating to or involving quality or kind (Khotari, 2004). This method is research about an abstract and concrete noun in the novel. The researcher used this method because the researcher analyzed the data descriptively and the result would be supported by data presented in the form of tables. The data are taken from Charlotte's Web Novel by E.B White. In collecting data, the researcher uses several steps; the first is reading the novel Charlotte's Web novel. The second is identifying and collecting the abstract and concrete nouns in the novel. Third, writing all of the data in the paper. The data obtained from abstract and concrete nouns are the words that appear most often from these nouns in Charlotte's Web novel. After all the data is found, the researcher calculating the total number and percentage of each procedure to find out the amount of each procedure from abstract and concrete nouns that have been found.

## Findings and Discussion

To achieve the objective of the research, the researcher analyzed and collected the data of abstract and concrete nouns from Charlotte's Web novel. The data collected consists of two tables by classified by the type abstract and concrete nouns than the calculated the most data that has been found in Charlotte's Web novel. Based on this analysis, the researcher found 3.113 data of abstract and concrete nouns in this novel. The total number of data that appeared the most in the abstract noun is presented in the following table:

**Table 1. The Frequency of Abstract Nouns**

No	Abstract Noun	Freq	Percentage	No	Abstract Noun	Freq	Percentage
1.	Action	5	1.83%	17.	Hate	1	0.36%
2.	Age	21	7.69%	18.	Hope	3	1.09%
3.	Anxiety	1	0.36%	19.	Idea	11	4.02%
4.	Beauty	3	1.09%	20.	Life	36	13.1%
5.	Care	6	2.19%	21.	Love	13	4.76%
6.	Conversation	5	1.83%	22.	Pain	3	1.09%
7.	Darkness	3	1.09%	23.	Pleasant	9	3.29%
8.	Death	5	1.83%	24.	Queer	4	1.46%
9.	Difference	2	0.73%	25.	Right	23	8.4%
10.	Disgust	7	2.56%	26.	Save	11	4.02%
11.	Doubt	3	1.09%	27.	Sight	5	1.83%
12.	Dream	6	2.19%	28.	Sleep	19	6.96%
13.	Fear	3	1.09%	29.	Speech	4	1.46%
14.	Friendship	3	1.09%	30.	Thought	25	9.15%
15.	Goodness	4	1.46%	31.	Trouble	8	2.93%
16.	Fool	3	1.09%	32.	Worry	18	6.59%

We know, an abstract noun is a word that names something that we cannot see, hear, touch, smell, or taste. The researcher sorts the data from the first alphabetically. From the table above, the researcher finds 33 words of abstract nouns appeared the most in Charlotte's Web novel. The total number of abstract nouns in the table above is 273 words. The most abstract noun that



appeared in this novel is "Life" there are 36 words of "Life" that have been appeared in this novel. The word "Life" is the most word that appeared in this novel. The word "Life" has the highest percentage that is 13,1%.

**Table 2. Concrete Noun**

No	Concrete noun	Freq	Percentage	No	Concrete noun	Freq	Percentage
1.	Afternoon	15	0.53%	24.	Head	37	1.32%
2.	Animal	31	1.10%	25.	Home	29	1.03%
3.	Avery	93	3.32%	26.	Kitchen	5	0.17%
4.	Barn	66	2.35%	27.	Lurvy	81	2.89%
5.	Bed	17	0.60%	28.	Milk	22	0.78%
6.	Bug	13	0.46%	29.	Morning	13	0.46%
7.	Charlotte	269	9.61%	30.	Mother	32	1.14%
8.	Children	38	1.35%	31.	Mr. Zuckerman	144	5.14%
9.	Cousin	13	0.46%	32.	Night	36	1.28%
10.	Day	24	0.85%	33.	Pig	168	6.00%
11.	Door	14	0.50%	34.	Place	30	1.07%
12.	Egg	48	171%	35.	Rain	13	0.46%
13.	Evening	13	0.46%	36.	Rat	71	2.53%
14.	Fair	24	0.85%	37.	Sheep	62	2.21%
15.	Farm	12	0.42%	38.	Spider	96	3.42%
16.	Father	10	0.35%	39.	Straw	37	1.32%
17.	Fern	162	5.78%	40.	Sun	11	0.39%
18.	Food	21	0.75%	41.	Templeton	94	3.35%
19.	Fish	23	0.82%	42.	Time	69	2.45%
20.	Friend	49	1.75%	43.	Truck	32	1.14%
21.	Goose	67	2.39%	44.	Web	199	7.10%
22.	Grass	10	0.35%	45.	Wilbur	455	1.,2%
23.	Hand	19	0.67%	46.	Wood	12	0.42%

Concrete nouns can identify with our senses such as touch, hearing, taste, sight, from table 2, we can see that the researcher finds 46 words of concrete nouns appeared the most in Charlotte's Web novel. The researcher sorts the data from the first alphabetically. The total number of this concrete noun in the table above is 2.799word. The most concrete noun that appeared in this novel is "Wilbur" there are 455 words of "Wilbur" that have been appeared in this novel. Word "Wilbur" is a name of a person. The word "Wilbur" is the mostly word that appeared in this novel. It has the highest percentage that is 16,2%. The word that mostly appeared that has been analyzed by the researcher is the name of a person like, *Charlotte's*, *Mr.Zuckerman*, *Lurvy*, *Templeton*, and *Wilbur*.

## Conclusions

The purpose of this study was to analyzed nouns, there are abstract nouns, and concrete nouns from the novel. The study was done to find out abstract and concrete nouns in Charlotte's Web novel by E.B. White. The researcher found the differences between abstract and concrete nouns. An abstract noun is words that express ideas, feelings, situations that can imagine and feel, but can't be touched by our senses. A concrete noun is a tangible word, can be seen with our senses, can be touched, and can be observed. This study analyzed only words that appeared the most in Charlotte's Web novel. Based on the analysis, the researcher found 33 words and the number of



all of the data 273 words of an abstract noun in this novel, the most frequent word in abstract noun is "Life" 36 words with percentage 13, 1%. In concrete nouns, the researcher found 46 words and 2.799 words of all the data concrete nouns. The most frequent word in concrete noun is "Wilbur" 455 words with a percentage of 16,2% it is the name of a person.

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