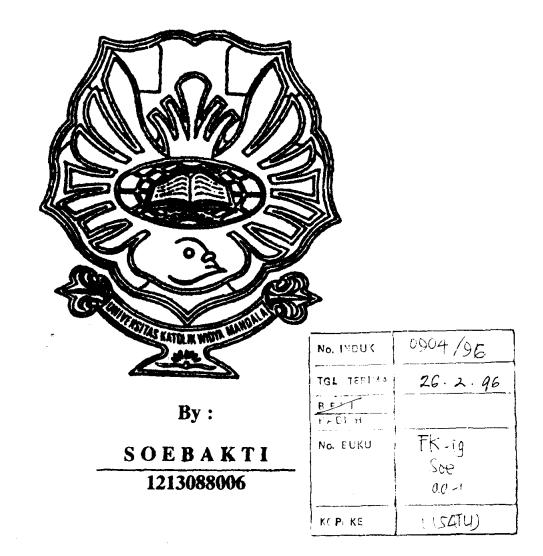
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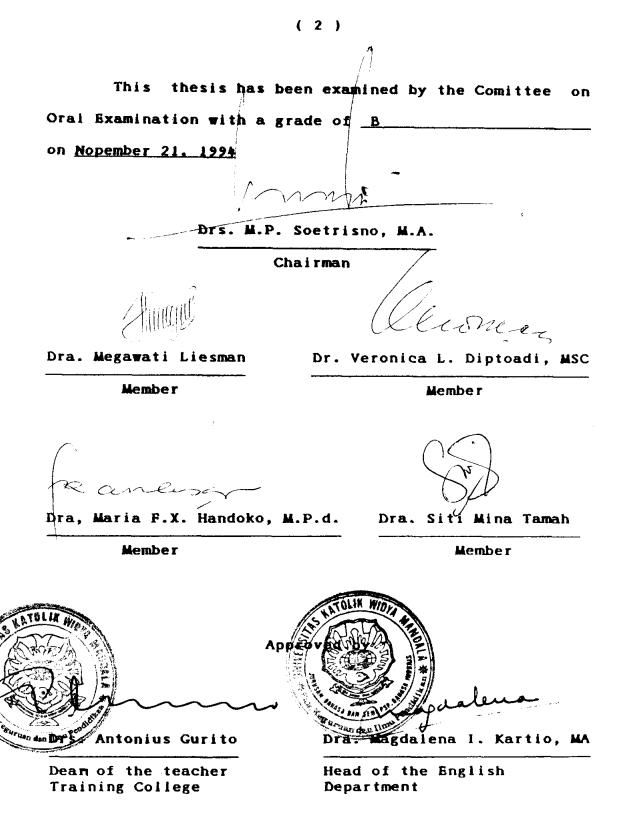
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ABSTRACT

Knowing a number of vocabulary is not a guarantee to master diction (word choice). The learners might know the precise meaning of words but it does not mean that they know how to put compatible words in a certain context especially in writing.

Realizing to the matter, the writer made some observation on the result of the exercises of writing I which was taken by the second semester students of the English Department of Widya Mandala University the in of 1993-1994. From his observation, he found year out the students still have problems in that putting appropriate words normally used in English context. Being interested in this problem, the writer decided to carry out a study on an analysis of diction problem in vocabulary.

The purpose of this study is to identify the types of errors according to errors of addition, errors of omission, errors of substitution, and errors of misordering. Besides that, the errors are classified into four form-classed, namely: noun, verb, adverb, and adjective. Then, he predicted the causes of these errors.

To get the data, he did not administer a test but he obtained composition papers from the teacher of

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Writing I. After analysing, classifying, and counting the errors encontered, he found out that the most frequent error is substitution 53. The errors include 26 errors in verbs, 11 in adjectives, 10 in nouns, and 6 in adverbs. Errors of omission are 2 in verbs, and the last errors are 2 in addition which are 1 in noun and 1 in adjective, whereas the errors of misordering is O (Zero).

From these data, he predicted 3 causes of errors. They are cross-language difference, cross-association, and wrong analogy and overgeneralization.

Finally, the writer gives some suggestions on how to overcome them.