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This chapter is dedicated to present the conclusion of what have been discussed in the previous chapters and give some useful suggestions relevant to the findings of the study under report.

5.1 Conclusion

The presence of today's newspapers as the solution of the blindness of information is in line with the development of the world. As a result, newspapers compete each other communicating their news to satisfy their readers. However, remembering that there is nothing perfect in this world, it can not be denied that newspapers also have weaknesses. In this case, the inability for the news writer to avoid something 'vague' is considered as one of the weaknesses.

Feeling unsatisfied and claiming the precision of a truth is considered as the main attitude of human being. Whereas vagueness itself is considered as something imprecise or lacking of specification.

The existence of vagueness in our daily life made the researcher interested and willing to conduct a study concerning vagueness in newspapers. By using the *four kinds of vagueness* presented by Kempson in *Semantic Theory*, the researcher could find *kinds of vagueness* in a newspaper and determine its quality based on its vagueness.

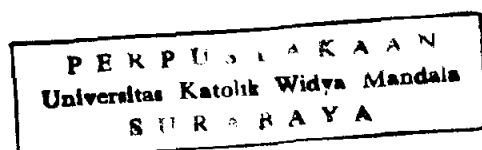
That the researcher chose Jawa Pos newspaper to conduct this research was due to the fact that it is one of the famous daily morning newspapers with the growing numbers of faithful readers. In order to prevent a broad discussion, the researcher also limited this research by analyzing only the news in politics, social, and economics of the first pages of the Jawa Pos edition of May 2000. The result of the analysis was used to judge the quality of Jawa Pos in writing politics, social, and economics news during May 2000. Furthermore, the quality of Jawa Pos under study was not constant, remembering that the research was done only for one month and that result of the study was not used to generalize the other news of the other editions.

After gathering and analyzing the data, the researcher found that there were three *kinds of vagueness* in Jawa Pos written in the titles of the three major news section, namely politics, social, and economics. The three *kinds of vagueness* are *indeterminacy of the meaning of an item or phrase, lack of specification in the meaning of an item, and the meaning of an item involves the disjunction of different interpretations*. During the May edition, Jawa Pos has 198 news in politics, social, and economics, whereas 8 of them were considered as vague news due to the fact that all of them contained the three kinds of vagueness. Out of the eighth news, 2 of them contained *indeterminacy of the meaning of an item or phrase*, 4 contained *lack of specification in the meaning of an item*, and the other two contained *the meaning of an item involves the disjunction of different interpretations*.

Since there were only eight pieces of news (out of the 198) that contained vagueness and the number of percentage that Jawa Pos got in writing vague news was 4,04%, the researcher concluded that Jawa Pos had a very good quality in terms of its way of writing the news. Thus, it is reasonable to state that Jawa Pos deserves to get thumbs up due to its 'very good quality' and that might be one of its secret to be one of the famous daily morning newspapers with the growing numbers of faithful readers. In addition, Jawa Pos also deserves to be chosen as one of the best newspaper in Indonesia.

5.2 Suggestions

Being aware that nothing is perfect in this world, vagueness is a common thing that may be caused by human being who has weaknesses and often makes mistakes. However, there is nothing to lose to try the best way of communicating information through printed media. In order to reach this aim, more effort, knowledge, seriousness, and attention are needed. Newspapers, which is considered as the real proof of human being's progress, also need these requirements. Therefore, if someone could write something worth and important as news or anything else, he or she could also pay more attention as much as possible, so there will be a good cooperation between the writer of a newspaper and the readers, in communicating and understanding what is being discussed.



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