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Pragmatic Analysis of Cooperative Principle in The Great Debaters Movie

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Abstrak

Penelitian ini membahas tentang prinsip kerjasama dalam film "The Great Debaters". Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis jenis-jenis prinsip kooperatif dan mengetahui jenis-jenis maksim prinsip kooperatif yang paling dominan dalam Film The Great Debaters. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode Deskriptif Kualitatif dengan memilih dan mengumpulkan data dari film The Great Debaters. Setelah memilih dan mengumpulkan data, peneliti mengidentifikasi dan menganalisis ucapan-ucapan dalam percakapan antar karakter menggunakan teori Grice (1975) yang berkaitan dengan studi pragmatik. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa: (1) Prinsip Kerjasama dikategorikan pada data Maksim Kuantitas 8, data Maksim Kualitas 8, data Maksim Hubungan 22, dan data Maksim Cara 3; (2) persentase jenis Prinsip Kerja Sama adalah Maksim Kuantitas 19,51%, Maksim Kualitas 19,51% Maksim Hubungan 53,66%, dan Maksim Cara 7,32%. Jenis Prinsip Kerjasama yang paling dominan digunakan antar tokoh dalam film The Great Debaters adalah Maxim of Manner. Kesimpulannya, berdasarkan penelitian ini, percakapan kita harus dibuat sesuai kebutuhan ketika berkomunikasi dengan orang lain untuk memastikan percakapan tersebut efektif dan berhasil.

Kata Kunci: *Pragmatik, Prinsip Koperasi, Film*

Abstract

This research discusses cooperative principle in "The Great Debaters" movie. This study aims to analyse the types of cooperative principle and determine the most dominant types of cooperative principle maxim in The Great Debaters Movie. This research employs a Descriptive Qualitative method by selecting and collecting data from The Great Debaters movie. After selecting and collecting the data, the researcher identify and analysed the utterances in conversations among characters used the theory of Grice (1975) related to pragmatics study. The result shows that: (1) Cooperative Principle categorized as Maxim of Quantity 8 data, Maxim of Quality 8 data, Maxim of Relation 22 data, and Maxim of Manner 3 data; (2) the percentage of types of Cooperative Principle are Maxim of Quantity 19,51 %, Maxim of Quality 19,51% Maxim of Relation 53,66%, and Maxim of Manner 7,32%. The most dominant type of Cooperative Principle Used Among Characters in The Great Debaters movie is Maxim of Manner. In conclusion, based on this research, our conversation must be made such as required when communicating with other people to ensure that the conversation is effective and successful.

Keyword: *Pragmatics, Cooperative Principle, Movie*

INTRODUCTION

Language plays a crucial role in human communication. As social beings, we can not live alone in our society. We need to interact and communicate with others through spoken or written language. Hutajulu & Herman (2019:29) state, language is a communication tool that has an essential part in communicating. It enables humans to convey their thoughts, opinions, and intentions as well as share information to establish social relationships through conversation with others (Rahmawati et al., 2022).

In a conversation, the roles of speakers and listeners are essential in the communication process. As the speaker delivers a message to a listener in a particular context, that sentence is termed an utterance, as defined by Adisutrisno in Ferdiansyah (2020:5). To effectively present their thoughts, ideas, and information, speakers and listeners must cooperate by making their utterances clear, easy to understand, relevant to the context, compact, concise, and always on point. This concept is known as Grice's theory, which is the cooperative principle. The speaker and listener will work together to convey and receive messages clearly at each turn of the conversation so that, both parties can understand each other's intentions and messages (Sinaga et al., 2023:1). Without the cooperative principle, the conversation may lack connection and coherence.

Grice is a philosopher and linguist who proposed the cooperative principle in 1975. According to Davies (2007) emphasizes that Grice's Cooperative Principle is a fundamental concept in pragmatics. Pragmatics is a part of linguistics that investigates the ways

language is connected to the contexts in which it is used (Slotta, 2021:1). In simple terms, this means that when we communicate, we consider the context and assume that others will cooperate in understanding us (Agustin & Ayu, 2021).

The writer is interested in researching the cooperative principle as a topic of research because there is a cooperative principle phenomenon found in conversation in the movie. Cooperative principle can be seen when the people adapt their communication to be informative, relevant, and clear based on the context. In this movie, characters often follow this principle to ensure that conversations are coherent and meaningful to the viewers (Simanjuntak et al., 2021). The cooperative principle phenomenon in movie conversations becomes compelling how the cooperative principle works in movie conversations is important because it has practical effects in real life. Understanding the cooperative principle's role in movies not only enriches our perception of cinematic interactions but also provides valuable insights for effective communication in every day life (Tarigan & Stevani, 2022).

The reason of the writer will choose movies as a research domain is that films provide an intriguing medium for analyzing phenomena related to the cooperative principle. Movie conversations involve numerous characteristics that can be explored as research data. By examining the characters' utterances in these conversations, the writer can identify instances where the maxim of quantity is employed in the film and can be used as data (Simaremare et al., 2021).

This research will center on examining the implementation of the cooperative principle in the film "The Great Debaters" from 2007. The movie, directed by and featuring Denzel Washington, was produced by Oprah Winfrey and her production company, Harpo Productions. The movie revolves around the story of Melvin B. Tolson, a professor and debate coach. the story of Melvin B. Tolson, a professor and debate coach. "Set in 1935, the film portrays Tolson's efforts to establish a debate team at Wiley College and place them on an equal footing with white competitors in the racially segregated south.

The Wiley College debate team, consisting of Henry Lowe, James L. Farmer Jr., Samantha Boone, and Hamilton Burgess, faces numerous challenges and explores the social constructs prevalent in Texas during the Great Depression in 1935. These challenges include the daily insults and discrimination endured by African Americans and the depiction of a lynching. The film also highlights the achievements of James L. Farmer Jr., who, at the age of 14, later in life, he played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Congress of Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.) (Ali, 2021).

Furthermore, the movie showcases Samantha Boone as the only female participant on Wiley College's as a debate team. Her character holds significant importance in the groundbreaking event of the first-ever interracial collegiate debate in the United States. Whereas the film primarily addresses issues of racism based on skin color and ethnicity, a deeper analysis reveals its exploration of other thought-provoking topics such as education, politics, and society. Education is portrayed as a catalyst for significant change, instrumental in achieving equality and freedom (Ficarra & Quinn, 2014).

The researcher chose the movie "The Great Debaters" as the research subject because the realization was that many viewers enjoy watching movies that offer more than just entertainment; there is pragmatics in the movie. Therefore, the encouragement is for readers to acquire knowledge from the film that goes beyond mere viewing.

The researcher also correctly understands cooperative principles and pragmatics studies in other movies, not only in *The Great Debaters* (Damayanti & Ismowati, 2021).

In the conversation above, the Cooperative Principle is evident through the Maxim of Quantity. Forrest's brief mention of the memorable shrimp catch provides Lieutenant Dan with the relevant context, and Lieutenant Dan's response playfully acknowledges their shared triumph while drawing a parallel to life's adversities. The exchange highlights effective communication that draws on their shared experience.

Based on the results of observations made by researcher, the researcher found several types of the cooperative principle as a first data in another movie. However, the researcher will focus to analyse The Great Debaters Movie (Muhammad, 2020). Therefore, the researcher present the title of this research as "Pragmatic Analysis of the Cooperative Principle in The Great Debaters Movie."

RESEARCH METHOD

Research Design

The research design was of the descriptive qualitative method with a descriptive approach as it allowed for a systematic, factual, and accurate description of the situation. The qualitative approach was chosen for data analysis, resulting in descriptive phenomena represented through words, sentences, and utterances. Moleong (in Muspawi & Sari, 2020) stated that qualitative research was a procedural investigation that produced descriptive data in the form of written or spoken words from individuals and observable behaviors. Based on the explanation, the researcher described how the characters in The Great Debaters applied Grice's theory's maxims of the cooperative principle.

Data and Source Data

In this section, data consisted of conversation utterances that contained the cooperative principle among the characters in "The Great Debaters" movie. The data source was the movie itself, with a duration of 2 hours, 6 minutes, and 54 seconds, which was produced in 2007 by Robert Eisele. The movie was accessible on YouTube through the following link:

Instrument of Collecting Data

In this section, it was very important to know the instrument as a tool or means researchers utilized to collect data, thereby facilitating the research process and yielding more precise, comprehensive, and systematic results. In this study, the type of research conducted involved analysis and observation (Ifadloh et al., 2021).

On the other hand, Creswell (2014:234) stated that qualitative researchers personally collected data by observing the movie and examining behaviors. The researcher in this study employed multiple instruments to collect data, including observation and documentation methods.

Technique of Collecting Data

Tanzeh (2011:83) defined data collection as a methodical process for systematically gathering the necessary data. The method data collection referred to how data was collected in the research. The data in the study was gathered through observation. Additionally, the writer utilized the documentary method to complement and gather data. Arikunto (2006:32) explained that the documentation method was used to collect data based on transcripts, books, newspapers, magazines, epigraphy, meeting notes, and agenda. The transcript was used as a method of documentation to collect data on the various types of cooperative principles (Xafizovna & Boboqulovna, 2022).

The following data collection steps had been included by the writer:

1. Searched "The Great Debaters" Movie on the YouTube Application and Transcript from the website;
2. Downloaded " The Great Debaters" Movie;
3. Watched and listened carefully to the video several time;
4. Analyzed the film's transcript to transcribe the data;
5. Took notes to identify and classify types of cooperative principle in "The Great Debaters" movie;
6. Finally, classified the data according to the type of cooperative principle.

Technique of Analyzing Data

After collecting all the data, the writer carefully analyzed the data, which included from the transcript "The Great Debaters" movie. The writer then identified and classified the types of cooperative principle categories. The writer applied an interactive data analysis approach by Miles and Huberman (2014:31-33), which includes three essential activities: data condensation, data display, and drawing and verifying conclusions (Suharsiwi & Nugroho, 2018).

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Data

The data in this study were gathered from the conversation utterances among characters in "The Great Debaters" movie. The researcher selects any utterances that refers to the type of cooperative principle. There are four types of cooperative principle that is Maxim of Quantity, Maxim of Quality, Maxim of Relation, and Maxim of Manner.

Based on data above, the researcher found that type cooperative principle in "The Great Debaters" movie the dominant types is maxim of relation 22 data (53, 66%).

Data Analysis

In analyzing the data of this study, the researcher used the theory of Grice 1975. The following four types of cooperative principles will be discussed as follows:

Maxim of Quantity

The aim of this type of maxim is to be as informative as possible, providing as much information as needed and no more (Hikmahwati et al., 2021). This means that when someone asks about something, the hearer must answer with the appropriate level of informativeness, neither too little nor too much. The response should meet the specific information needs of the person who asked the question. Here, the researcher presents several data (Pratiwi, 2018).

Maxim of Relation

Maxim of relation dictates that the speaker and hearer must ensure their contributions are relevant to the conversation at hand. In simple terms, they should focus on the topic being discussed, avoiding the introduction of irrelevant or off-topic information. Here, the researcher presents several data.

Maxim of Manner

Maxim of manner is to be clear, concise, and avoid ambiguity. This maxim focuses on the clarity and efficiency of communication. Here the researcher presents several data. Based on the conversation above, the utterances Good evening shows the Maxim of Manner because both James and Mrs. Tolson to each other's greetings with simple and clear "Good evening" responses need for clear, concise, and straightforward communication (Jewad et al., 2020).

Based on the conversation above, the utterance Goodnight, Samantha refers to the Maxim of Manner because both James and Mrs. Tolson to each other's greetings with simple and clear "Goodnight " responses need for clear, concise, and straightforward communication (Lismayanti & Pratama, 2019).

Findings

Then, in order to answer the research problem number two, the writer used the following technique. Calculating the types of cooperative principles in "The Great Debaters" movie based on each type. The formula and the sample of analysis in form of the table are follows based on Herman et al., (2021:128-130). The formula and sample of analysis in the form of a table can be seen below:

Tabel 1. Findings

| No | Types Of Cooperative Principles | Number | Percentages |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| 1 | maxim of quantity | 8 | 19,51% |
| 2 | maxim of quality | 8 | 19,51% |
| 3 | maxim of relation | 22 | 53,66% |
| 4 | maxim of manner | 3 | 7,32% |
| | Total | 41 | 100% |

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Discussion

The Types of Cooperative Principle in "The Great Debaters" Movie

As mentioned in the first chapter, the objective of this study is to identify utterances containing the types of cooperative principles in "The Great Debaters" movie. After analyzing the data findings and explaining the cooperative principle in this study, it can be concluded that the researcher identified four types of cooperative principles based on Grice's theory. These types of cooperative principles include the Maxim of Quantity, Maxim of Quality, Maxim of Relation, and Maxim of Manner (Kaufmann & Haans, 2021).

The finding that the researcher found is supported by (Taufiqah, 2021), entitled "Pragmatic Analysis of Dialogues in English Textbook Using Grice's Cooperative Principle." He found four types of cooperative principle that is Maxim of Quantity (37,78 %), Maxim of Quality (14,44 %), Maxim Relation (30,00 %) and Maxim of Manner (17,78 %). The writer also found four types of cooperative principle in "The Great Debaters" movie that is Maxim of Quantity (19,51 %), Maxim of Quality (19,51 %), Maxim Relation (53,66 %) and Maxim of Manner (7,32 %). Based on the findings of previous research, he supported the findings that the writer made in this research even though the research location is different (Hikmahwati et al., 2021).

The second research is supported Adebola, O. A. (2018). Cooperative Principle Maxims In Whatsapp Conversations Among Undergraduates In The Federal University of Technology Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria. He also found four types of cooperative principle that is Maxim of Quantity (47,30%), Maxim of Quality (68,40%), Maxim Relation (7,40%) and Maxim of Manner (7,40 %). The writer also found four types of cooperative principle in "The Great Debaters" movie that is Maxim of Quantity (19,51%), Maxim of Quality (19,51%), Maxim Relation (53,66 %) and Maxim of Manner (7,32%). Based on the findings of previous research, he also supported the findings that the writer made in this research even though the research location is different (Ambalegin & Hulu, 2019).

The last research is supported by Budi & Noviasari (2021), *a Pragmatic Analysis of Cooperative Principles Found in the Learning and Teaching Process of Grade Xi Students of Sma N. 19*, He also found four types of cooperative principle that is Maxim of Quantity (58,06%), Maxim of Quality (25,81%), Maxim Relation (7,53%) and Maxim of Manner (8,60%). The writer also found four types of cooperative principle in "The Great Debaters" movie that is Maxim of Quantity (19,51%), Maxim of Quality (19,51%), Maxim Relation (53,66 %) and Maxim of Manner (7,32%). Based on the findings of previous research, he supported the findings that the writer made in this research even though the research location is different.

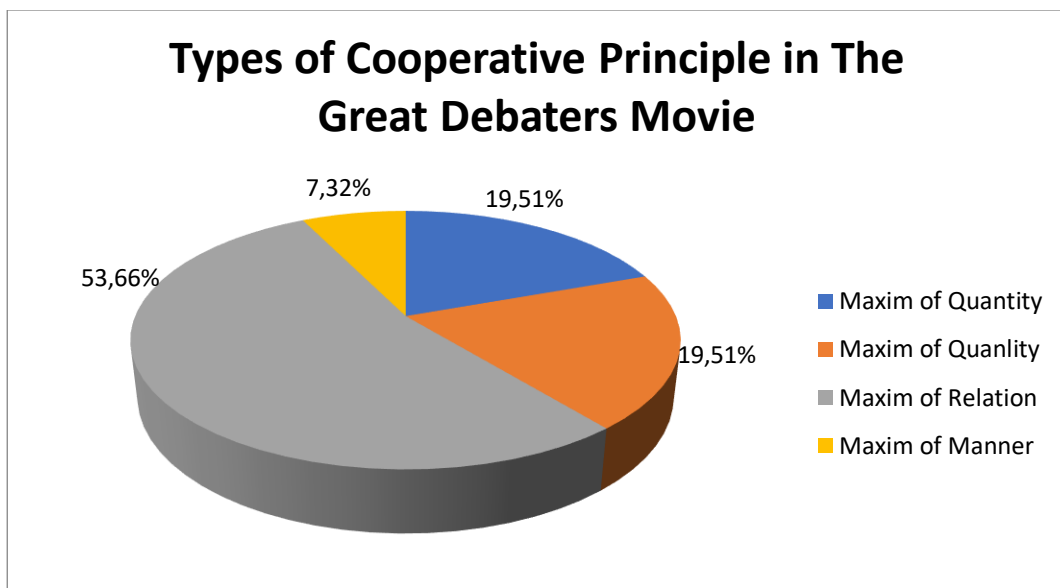


Figure 1. The Types of Cooperative Principle in "The Great Debaters" Movie

The data obtained consist of 41 cooperative principles which include 8 data of maxim of quantity, 8 data of maxim quality, 22 data of maxim relation, and 3 data of maxim of manner. The discussion of each types can be seen below:

Maxim of Quantity is when someone asked about something, the hearer must answer as the informative answer, say enough, and don't say too much. It must be the answer or information that is needed by the person who asked the question. In this research, the researcher found 8 data of 41 data found. It occurs at data 24, data 23, data 16, data 15, data 13, data 4, data 1, and data 5. It discussed about the hearer's response should be tailored to the needs of the person who asked the question, providing the relevant and necessary information without unnecessary elaboration or omission (Deieso & Fraser, 2019). For example data 15 Mr. Tolson's utterance Have you seen him? Then James's response No, they don't let us.

Maxim of Quality is the speaker asks for something then the hearer must only respond with a truthful answer. In this research, the researcher found 8 data of 41 data found. It occurred at data 2, data 3, data 6, data 14, data 25, data 35, data 39, and data 40,. It discussed about encourages truthfulness and accuracy in communication, ensuring that information shared is honest and reliable. For example data 6 James's father utterance is she pretty? The james provides a direct and truthful answer to Mr. Tolson's question by giving the truth answer I don't know. I've never really noticed (Wexler et al., 2018).

Maxim of Relation is the speaker and hearer must contribute information and focus on the topic being discussed. In this research, the researcher found 22 data of 41 data found. It occurs at data 41, data 38, data 37, data 36, data 34, data 33, data 32, data 31,

data 30, data 29, data 28, data 27, data 26, data 22, data 21, data 20, data 19, data 18, data 17, data 9, data 8, and 7. It discussed about helps ensure that communication remains on topic, coherent, and meaningful. Irrelevant or off-topic contributions can lead to confusion and disrupt effective communication (Xafizovna, 2022). Therefore, this maxim underscores the importance of relevance and staying on point in conversations. For example data James's utterance "Where is dad?" and James's response "Quiet, he's writing the lecture" (Nashruddin & Al-Obaydi, 2021).

Maxim of Manner is to be clear, concise, and avoid ambiguity. In this research the researcher found 3 data of 41 data found. It occurs at data 10, data 11, and data 12. It discussed about focuses on the clarity and efficiency of communication. For example data 12 Mr. Tolson's utterance "Good Evening Mrs. Tolson," and Mrs Tolson's response "Good Evening" (Obidovna, 2022).

The Dominant types of Cooperative Principle in "The Great Debaters Movie"

Based on the research that the researcher has done, the researcher found that the types of cooperative principle that dominantly found is maxim of relation (53,66%). The finding that the researcher found is supported by Megah & Wahyuni (2018), entitled "Analysis of The Cooperative Maxims in The "Omar" Movie". Because he also found that in the research conducted here too, there are mostly with 47%. Also supported by Safitri, E., & Ambalegin, A. (2022). Analysis Cooperative Principle in Back To The Outback Movie: Pragmatic Approach. Because he also found that in the research conducted here too, there are mostly with 31,25% of maxim relation. There are also other research such as Napitupulu., & Ambalegin, A. (2022) entitled "The cooperative principle in Zootopia (2016) movie" that found the most data on the maxim of relation, that is 37,84%. This is what supports that is maxim of relation one of the most common cooperative principle found in movies. Several supporting research have supported and proven that maxim of relation are the most widely used cooperative principle and are found in conversations found in movies as primary data in this research. several these research and this research both use the theory of the same with the writer.

CONCLUSION

1. Based on this study, the researcher analysis the cooperative principle in "The Great Debaters" movie. In the cooperative principle, there are 4 types of cooperative that is Maxim of Quantity 8 data (19,51%); Maxim of Quality 8 data (19,51%); Maxim of Relation 22 data (53,66%); Maxim of Manner 3 data (7,32%);

2. The results showed that maxim of relation is the most dominant type of cooperative principle in "The Great Debaters" movie.

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