ERROR ANALYSIS OF ENGLISH USED IN PUBLIC AREA IN PALANGKA RAYA

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Abstract

The research purpose is to analyze the problem of errors in the English language used in public area in Palangka Raya. This research method is a qualitativedescriptive method. The source of data in this research is from photos of written English language that had taken by the researcher from advertising billboards, place names, commercial shop signs, and public signs on government buildings in publicarea in Palangka Raya. Based on the results of the research, it can be concluded thatEnglish language errors in the use of spelling and word choice are still found on public area in Palangka Raya. These English language errors can occur due to several factors. The factors that cause English language errors are the influence of the English language that was mastered first, inappropriate English languageteaching, and the lack of understanding of English language users towards the language they use. In addition, weakness, lack of attention, and fatigue are also factors that cause language errors.

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INTRODUCTION

Language is a tool of communication that used by a person to carry out social interactions with others. Everything we say can be conveyed properly. Every communication is the basicor human first step in socializing with other communities. Language is a system in the form of sound symbols, each language symbol represents something called a meaning or concept. Every sound symbol has a concept or meaning, it can be concluded that every language utterance has a meaning.

Many people of Indonesia especially in Palangka Raya prefer to use foreign languages than Indonesian in various activities. Many groups ranging from students, artists, politicians, businessmen, and officials prefer foreign languages. Using English language or terms feels more intellectual than using Indonesian even though it is difficult for others to digest.

As a communication tool, English language is a communication tool that is often used by language users who often make mistakes. Mistakes are something that can have a negative effect. Errors are natural, because something starts from an error. It's different if you are an expert, evenan expert has made mistakes before becoming an expert. The use of English language in accordance with the situation and the rules is a reflection of a positive attitude. This happens if people do not come to be (both spoken and written) in language.

English language errors are deviations that are permanent, regular, and describe at a certain level or are usually not perfect. English language errors are often found on advertising billboards, placenames, commercial shop signs, and public signs on government buildings in public area in Palangka Raya.

According to Richards & Schmidt in Kaleea et al (2018), Error Analysis (EA)is as

"a technique for identifying, classifying and systematically interpreting the unacceptable forms of a language in the production data of someone learning either a second or foreign language. Theoretical analysis is a method by researchers in identifying, classifying, and also interpret the English language errors. It is almost the same with Brown in Sari (2017) Error analysis is the fact that someone does make errors and that these errors can be analyzed, observed, and classified to reveal something.

In accordance with the pace of global development in the world, the English language must also be used as a standard for public services and commercial services. This is because public services and commercial services are one form of disseminating the use of English language. So, the use of standard English in public services and commercial services will provide a unifying function and prestige.

Public area can be accessed by anyone and guarantees freedom of activity, then the public space should be increase humans as users space to make connections between space of their life and the wider world (Carmona in Fatmahwati, 2019)

Public area plays a variety of roles in the cities' everyday life, political, economic, being the physical meeting spaces of cultural, social and individual trajectories. They can create places of interaction and cooperation with the public sphere and the different social/ethnic groups in the city; a sphere for mutual tolerance and understanding; places for groups to penetrate and get acquainted with 'other' cultures, and a place for acculturation.

The purposes of this research is to describe the form of English word, sentence, or phrase errors and to find out the results of the analysis of spelling errors, punctuation, choice of English language used in public spaces in Palangka Raya.

Beside that, the use of English in public area of Palangka Raya is very interesting and has many variations. English is an important foreign language in Indonesia because English is an international language. Wherever we go, it is possible that we do not hear people speaking English, but we can see English easily there. Public area are decorated and coloured by English. It is put and printed as the notices, warnings, labels, names, etc.

The researcher found some examples of English language used in public area in Palangka Raya such as "wellcome to villa parfum", "say no to drug *maknyusnya sesaat, nyeselnya hingga akhirat*", and so on.

In general, it can be said that errors of English language in public area in Palangka Raya are still often found that are not in accordance with good and correct English language rules. The forms of writing errors include errors in writing punctuation marks, abbreviations, spelling, word selection (diction). Errors in English language in the public area in Palangka Raya are caused by the influence of the use of everyday language or writing that is written based on people's oral speech, limited knowledge of English language rules, and the tendency to simply imitate based on the above background, various problems emerged that prompted the researcher to conduct a research entitled "Error Analysis of English Used in Public Area in Palangka Raya".

MATERIALS AND METHODS
The object of this study is English written in advertising billboards, place names, commercial shop signs, and public signs on government buildings in public area in Palangka Raya. This research is a qualitative study with a combination of field research and interview. The data for this research is the English language used in public area in Palangka Raya. Data are collected by photographing the use of English in public area in Palangka Raya. The analysis of the data is done by a analytical descriptive methods and interpretive techniques with reference to the literature review. The stages of

the researchwork steps are: 1. classifying data based on characteristics and categories, 2. determining the form of errors, 3.identifying influencing factors, 4.formulating efforts to improve the use of English language in the public area qualitatively.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Tarigan in Wibowo (2016) states that language error analysis is a work procedure used by researchers and language teachers which includes sample collection, identification of errors contained in the sample explanation of the error, classifying the error based on its cause and evaluating or assessing the level of the error.

The language errors discussed in this research are language errors in the application of improved English spelling rules. The language errors in the applicationof improved English spelling rules have many variations, one of which is the centerof this research, namely language errors in the use of spelling, punctuation, and word choice in language used in public area in Palangka Raya.

The use of spelling, and word choice really needs to be considered on the English language used in advertising billboards, place names, commercial shop signs, and public signs on government buildings, because public facilities must be educational and benefit for the community. This research was conducted to describe the English language errors in public area in Palangka Raya, especially in the use of spelling and diction. The data is the documentation data in the form of photos of advertising billboards, place names, commercial shop signs, and public signs on government buildings in public area in Palangka Raya as in the following examples.

The Data of English Language Error in Public Area in Palangka Raya
Data 1

The above picture is the used of English language in public area in Palangka Raya.

The uses of English in the place name is wrong, because the spelling is not in accordance with the rule of English grammar. The error is in the word "colection", it should be written as English grammar rule. So, the spelling should be written as "collection".

Data 2

The uses of English language in above picture is wrong, it is almost the same with Data 1. The spelling is not in accordance with the rule of English grammar. The erroris in the word "bad cover", it should be written as "bed cover". If the owner choose the diction "bad cover" it has different meaning with "bed cover".

Data 3

The uses of English language used in the advertising billboards is wrong. There are many mistakes in data 3. The spelling is notin accordance with the rule of English grammar. Some of the mistakes are in the words 1. vidio graphy, 2. weding & praweding, 3. album colase, 4. edit photo/retouch, and 5. calendar-stiker. The spelling errors in the word "video graphy" should be written as "videography", then the second words weding & praweding should be written as "wedding & prewedding", the third is the word "album colase" it should be written in "collage album", because "album colase" has different meaning with "collage album", next, the fourth is the word "edit photo/retouch" it should be written in photo edit/retouch", and the fifth "calendar- stiker" should be written in "calendar- sticker". There are many mistakes in spelling and the choice of words.

Data 4

The above picture is the used of English in advertising billboards. The used of Englishis wrong because the spelling is not in accordance with the rule of English grammar. The error is in the word "villa parfum", and "parfume refill specialist".The word "villa parfum" should be written as "villa perfume" and the word "parfume refill specialist" should be written "perfume refill specialist".

Data 5

The above picture is the used of English in advertising billboards. The used of Englishis wrong because the spelling is not in accordance with the rule of English grammar. The error is in the word "spesialis service", 'hardwere", and "softwere". The word "spesialis service" should be written

as "spesialist service", then the word "hardwere" should be written as "hardware", the last the word "softwere" should be written in "software".

CONCLUSION

At the end of this research, it can be concluded that errors in English language used in public space in Palangka Raya are still common. The errors in the use of spelling are often found on the advertising billboards, place names, commercial shop signs, and public signs on government buildings, while the use of English language errors in the use of word

choice (diction) is minimally. The factors that cause English language errors is the influence of the language they first mastered, lack of

understanding of language users towards the language they use, and language teaching that is less precise and less perfect. Besides that, errors, fatigue, and lack of attention are also one of the factors that cause English language errors, it makes people forgets thefunction of spelling and word choice. The researcher suggest to the teachers to improve and broaden the experience by reading and exploring knowledge about English language error analysis. Then, it is recommended for other researchers to make this research a source of information and reference so that it is useful in analyzing other language errors when carrying outresearch in relevant fields, pay attention to the use of spelling and word choice to minimize the factors that can lead to errorslanguage.

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