

THE VIOLATION OF COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES IN THE “ESCAPE ROOM” MOVIE

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Abstract: This study is entitled The Violation of Cooperative Principles in the “Escape Room” movie. It aims to find the types of violation of cooperative principles done by the characters in the of “*Escape Room*” movie. This research is conducted by using descriptive qualitative method. The data of this study are the utterances that occur in the “Escape Room” movie, while the unit of analysis of this study is the data containing forms of every utterances violation of cooperative principles. The technique used in collecting data is called documentation technique. The data obtained is classified based on the form of violation of cooperative principles proposed by Grice (1996). The result of the research showed that the form of violation of the cooperative principles occurs in the *Escape Room* movie consist of four maxims: the maxim of quantity, the maxim of quality, the maxim of relevance, and the maxim of manner. Those violations occur due to the same perception between the speech participants and the speech partners in discussing an issue, solving a problem, and giving an explanation.

Keywords: *cooperative principles, maxim, utterances, violation.*

Abstrak: Penelitian ini berjudul Pelanggaran Prinsip Kerja Sama dalam Film *Escape Room*. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menemukan pelanggaran prinsip kerja sama dalam film *Escape Room*. Penelitian ini dilakukan dengan metode deskriptif kualitatif. Subjek penelitian ini adalah tuturan-tuturan yang terjadi dalam film *Escape Room*, sedangkan obyek penelitian ini adalah data-data yang berisi tentang bentuk-bentuk ujaran pelanggaran prinsip kerja sama dalam film *Escape Room*. Teknik yang digunakan dalam mengumpulkan data adalah teknik mencatat. Data yang diperoleh diklasifikasikan berdasarkan bentuk pelanggaran prinsip kerja sama yang dikemukakan oleh Grice (1996). Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa bentuk pelanggaran prinsip kooperatif yang terjadi dalam film *Escape Room* terdiri dari empat maksim yaitu maksim kuantitas, maksim kualitas, maksim relevansi, dan maksim budi pekerti. Pelanggaran tersebut terjadi karena kesamaan persepsi antara komunikator dan komunikan dalam membahas suatu masalah, menyelesaikan suatu masalah, dan memberikan penjelasan.

Kata kunci: *maxim, pelanggaran, prinsip kerja sama, ujaran.*

RESEARCH BACKGROUND

Language is an important communication tool for human. Humans speak to others by using language. Besides, language is used in daily life to express an ideas, to give an opinion, or to answer some answers. Also, language is always used by human to interact with other in a social life. Considering that, communication is a dynamic transaction which involving ideas and feeling (Mulyana, 2005). However, in a process of communication, humans often make a mistake in delivering an ideas by their utterances. Thus, they violate a cooperative principle or Grice's maxims. Nevertheless, they violate some cooperative principles since there is a deviation. Besides, there are certain implication that the speaking partner had understood (Wijana, 1996).

Communication is usually accomplished clearly when the speaker and the speaking partner get to know what they mean. If the speaker speaks and follows the cooperative principles, the speaking partner will understand surely. Yet the speaking partner will also understand even if the speaker violate the rule or the cooperative principle. This case can occur since there is a context between their utterances. Thus, they will still notice what their speaking partner want to deliver.

This issue is really interesting to be done since there are many violations in our life. According to previous research, from sixteen participants' utterances in one talk show, it revealed that the total violations of cooperative principle are 51 (Zebua, Dwi, & Mursid, 2017). It means that we still do many violations in our life.

REVIEW OF RELATED STUDY

In pragmatics study, there is a theory which explains how people can be cooperative in conversation. It is cooperative principle. This theory is a principle of conversation that was explained by Paul Grice. Cooperative Principle is a general guideline for conversation. Grice in (Yule, 1996) says that speakers should make their contribution such as is required, then the purpose of the conversation is well accepted.

Grice in (Cutting, 2002) explained for maxims in cooperative principles. They are the maxim of quality, the maxim of quantity, the maxim of relevance, and the maxim of manner. In the maxim of quantity, speakers supply no more and no less information than is necessary for the purpose of communication. From that, the speaker must tell the exact information as he or she knows. So, He or she does not violate the maxim of quantity. Here is the example of the maxim of quantity:

John : What is your name?

Jane : Jane.

John : How old are you?

Jane : I am 19.

This conversation contributes a cooperative principle since Jane gives answers as John needed. It would be different from the following example.

John : What's your name?

Jane : I am Jane. I live in Texas and I am single.

This example shows us a violation of maxim of quantity. It happens since Jane gives information too much. Therefore, the maxim of quantity aims the speakers to tell information as is required for the purpose of conversation. Thus, the speaking partner will get information as he or she wanted.

Then, the maxim of quality consists of advice to give a true contribution with certain proves. Grice (1994: 65) gives an advice about the maxim of quality. They are: do not say what you believe to be false and do not say that for which you lack adequate evidence. Rustono (1990: 90) the maxim of quality has a relation with the quality of the speakers“. The following example will clear the theory.

John : Teheran's in Turkey isn't it, teacher?

Jane : And London's in Armenia I Suppose.

(Levinson, 1983, p. 110)

Above, it is one example that explains the speaker has abused the maxim of quality. Answer which “Jane” gives is false because London is in England.

After that, In many cases the relevance of an answer needs to be inferred on the basis of information from the context. Leech (1983: 94) provides the following example:

John : Where is my box of chocolates?

Jane : It's in your room.

Can be compared to:

John : Where is my box of chocolates?

Jane : The children were in your room this morning.

Jane's contribution in the first example abides by the maxim of relevance, since a direct and appropriate answer to the question is given. Jane's answer in the second example appears not to be relevant to the question at first sight. However, the second example could still be relevant to the speaker. John will assume that Jane knows where the chocolate is. In particular, the children may have eaten the chocolate, or that the children may know where the chocolate is, as they were in John's room.

In addition, the maxim of manner says be brief and orderly, do not be ambiguous or obscure. The speakers should speak clearly, directly, orderly, and briefly. They shouldn't use words that the speakers know the listeners will not understand or say something, that the speakers could take it in multiple ways. We should talk in a way that's appropriate for the people you're talking with. Orderly speech is demanded in the Maxim of Manner. The example below is not cooperative, because it is not orderly formed. The following example will explain clearly.

“ We played sands in there. My father, my sister and I went to the beach. It was Sunday” (

Rustono, 1990: 63)

The cooperative one should be:

“It was Sunday. My father, my sister, and I went to the beach. We played sands in there.” (Rustono, 1990: 63)

RESEARCH METHOD

Research Design

This research used qualitative research method. The writer used a descriptive qualitative since this research analyzes the violation of the cooperative principles occurred in the movie. Besides, the data cannot be represented by number. The data is taken from the movie in a form of utterances. From that, the writer takes notes in every utterance in the movie which violates Grice's maxims.

Data and Subject

The data source is the conversation in the movie *Escape Room* which directed by Adam Robitel. This movie was released on January 2019 while the duration of this movie is 1 hour 39 minutes.

Unit of Analysis

The data that will be analyzed are in the movie entitle *Escape Room*. Unit of analysis in this research are utterances by all character in the movie *Escape Room* by Adam Robitel.

Technique of Data Collection and Data Analysis

In collecting the data, the writer watches the movie and gets some notes of dialogues of the character in the movie which violates the cooperative principles. After collecting the data, the writer observes the utterances of the character and decides which part of the utterances that violate the cooperative principles. After that, the writer identifies the violation and classifies those violations in four groups. They are the maxim of quality, the maxim of quantity, the maxim of manner, and the maxim of relevance. Finally, the writer interprets the real meaning of the data collected based on the context occurs in the movie.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

The data of this research are mostly the daily conversation among all character in the movie. Then, this is the result of the data analyzed that contain the number of the violation of the maxims and the kind of maxim violated by all characters or speakers. The results are presented in table below:

Table 1 Summary of Grice's Maxims Violated in the Movie Escape Plan

Speake	Kind of Maxim Violated	Total
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r	Quantit y	Qualit y	Relevanc e	Manne r	
Ben	2	1	5	-	8
Zoey	2	-	4	-	6
Mike	1	-	4	-	5
Danny	2	-	-	-	2
Woll	1	-	-	-	1
Jason	1	-	-	-	1
Total	9	1	13	0	23

As we all know that there are four maxims in cooperative principles, we can see that the one who often violates cooperative principles is ben. He violates eight times; the maxim of quantity in two times; the maxim quality once; and the maxim of relevance five times. On the contrary, Jason and Woll are the characters who violate cooperative principle at least i.e. the maxim of quantity in only one time.

Discussion

The maxim of quantity

There are nine violations of the maxim of quantity in the movie *Escape Room*. Each character does the violation. However, Danny is one of the characters who violate the maxim of the quantity twice. Besides, he looks like dominate the conversation in the movie since he was a pro player in playing a game.

Excerpt 1

Jason: So, you've done one of these before.

Danny: I've done 93 rooms. Yeah, all the big ones, Panic room, Enigma, Basement, Break Out, Break In, Lock In, Lock Down, of course. I've done all the bunkers: World War One, World War Two, Cold War, Cold War Two: Pol Pot's Revenge

Excerpt 1 shows that Danny clearly violates the maxim of quantity. In this case, Jason does not ask Danny about what rooms he has done. Instead, Jason only asks him if he has done one of the escape rooms before. Moreover, Danny mentions all the rooms that he has done. There are Panic room, Enigma, Basement, Break Out, Break In, Lock In, Lock Down, and many more. Thus, as we can see, it indicates that Danny is a kind of person who likes showing off of his achievements.

The maxim of quality

In this maxim, there is only one violation of the maxim of quality. It is done by Ben. Here is the excerpt.

Excerpt 2

Woll: Are you okay?

Ben: Yeah, fine.

In this case, perhaps, many people think that Ben does not violate any maxim. Nevertheless, he actually does. He felt so sad at that seen. He remembered the death of his friend in an accident. Moreover, he was the only one who survives at that time. Thus, he only hides his sadness. In conclusion, he violates the maxim of quality as for he lies to Woll.

The maxim of relevance

This maxim has the most violation due to some reasons. We believe that we do not need to speak relevantly as long as the speaking partner understands what we say. From that, many character violate this maxim. There are 13 violations of this maxim. Ben is the person who violate this maxim the most. Here is the excerpt.

Excerpt 3

Jason: Come on, try harder.

Ben: I don't go to the gym every day.

Ben answers Jason's question irrelevantly. Jason asks Ben to try harder, while Ben answers that question in different topic. He says that he do not go the gym every day. However, the context of this case is that Jason and Ben are trying to open a kind of door. Thus, it means that Ben does not have power anymore to try harder. All energy has been leaved out by him. Without saying that Ben has no energy left, he says that he does not go to the gym. So, it is understandable by Jason.

The maxim of manner

Unfortunately, the writer does not get the utterances which violate the maxim of manner.

CONCLUSION

The Grice's maxims are divided into four kinds. They are the maxim of quantity, the maxim of quality, the maxim of relevance, and the maxim of manner. There are six characters in the movie entitle *Escape Room*, while there are 23 violations occur in that movie. The most violation is done by Ben which is eight times, while the least violation is done by Jason which is only one time. Moreover, the most maxims violated is the maxim of relevance whereas the maxim of manner become the maxim which has not violated by the character.

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