

ANALYSIS SIMPLE PAST TENSE ON CHARLOTTE'S WEB NOVEL

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Abstract

Charlotte's Web novel is a novel by Elwyn Brooks White, the author of a famous Stuart Little novel. It was first published in Canada in 1952 by Fitzhenry & Whiteside Limited, Toronto. The purpose of this paper is to determine the use of simple past tense contained in the Charlottes's Web novel. The data was taken from chapter 1 to 5 because these chapters are the orientation part of the story that introduces the characters in the story. Descriptive quantitative methods was applied since the results of this study are numbers and percentage which is explained in detail. It was found that there are 237 sentences of simple past tense existed in the chapters, consisting of 165 simple past tense verbal, 52 simple past tense nominal and 20 simple past tense verbal mix nominal. In other words, this chapters mainly discussed the story verbally.

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INTRODUCTION

Literature is expression of someone based on opinions, thoughts, feelings or experiences in imagination in the form of language until to be writing. Literature has four types, it is short stories, novels, drama and poetry. Literature is a part of four language skills that is reading, writing, speaking and listening (Similarly, Hişmanoğlu:2005). The benefit of literature is to increase creativity for readers or connoisseurs of literature (Violetta:2015).

Novel is a piece of literature to entertain people in the world (Nurfadilah : 2019). Compared to short story, novel has more complex features such as character, dialogue, plot, climax, setting, conflict and resolution (Ni Ketut Febryanti, M. Zaki P.H, Hastuti : 2019). Furthermore, novels also becomes one of literature type that can enhance the learning eagerness (Alkire : 2010). However, some students and teachers consider that novel is a difficult teaching material (Nor Hashimah & Che Ton : 2012). Novels should be adjusted to the abilities of the average person, and should not be too long because it will make the reader bored and this is can make the reader will stop reading in the middle of story (Lazar : 1990). It is known that novel makes the readers imagine the story and convey the message from the it. Unfortunately, not all readers can convey the message of the story to the reader (Lusi : 2019).

To understand an English novel, the readers should notice the grammar because this will affect to the storyline understanding. Grammar is the basic of English language in reading, writing, speaking and understanding English (Harwati, Karmila, Melor : 2019). Grammar has 3 time classifications that is present, past and future (Mahmudah & Izzah : 2019).

Simple past tense is a form of sentences about activities that began and ended at a time in the past (Azar : 1993). In sentence of simple past tense, it is necessary to know the affirmative, negative, and interrogative sentence patterns. It is also needed to understand the verb formation-present and past- and verb classification- regular and irregular-.

In the past tense regular verbs, we only need to add 'ed', 'd', and 'ied' after the first verb. The addition of 'ed' at the end of the first verb if the verb does not end with 'e'. For example: Talk → Talked. But another rule in adding 'ed'. First, if the first verb consists of one syllable ending in a consonant (except 'x') but before the consonant has a vowel and the last letter pronunciation gets stressed, so the last consonant must be duplicated and then add 'ed'. For example: Rag → Ragged, Control → Controlled. Then add 'd' if the first verb ends 'e'. For example: Like → Liked. Then add 'ied' if at the end of the first verb there is 'y' and before 'y' is a consonant, then 'y' is changed to 'i' then 'ed'. For example: Study → Studied. But irregular verbs are not added 'ed', 'd' or 'ied'. The use of irregular verbs is determined according to the grammar classification (present, past, or future). For example: Go (verb1) - Went (verb2) - Gone (verb3), Become (verb1) - Became (verb2) - Become (verb3).

Simple past tense (verbal) has a pattern for affirmative sentences, that is Subject + V2 + Rest of Sentence. The formula for negative sentences is Subject + Did + Not + V1 + Rest of Sentence. The formula for the interrogative sentence is Did + Subject + V1 + Rest of Sentence?. Simple past tense also has a pattern for the nominal form. Simple past formula nominal form for affirmative sentences is Subject + Be (Was / Were) + Adjective / Adverb / Noun. 'Was' is used for subject I, He, She, It and 'Were' is used for the subject You, They, We. Formula simple past negative nominal form, is Subject + Be (Was / Were) + Not + Adjective / Adverb / Noun. Formula simple past tense nominal form for interrogative sentences is Was / Were + Subject + Adjective / Adverb / Noun ?.

In every sentence that have verbs it is called “verbal sentence” and every sentence that have nouns it is called “nominal sentence”. This statement is support by (Albrecht, 1887: 218) that says a sentence that have a nouns as subject and verb as predicate it is called verbal sentence. A sentence that do not have verbs or have nouns as subject and predicate it is called nominal sentence. Based on statement (Albrecht, 1887 : 218) and Azar (1993) simple past tense verbal is sentence about activities that began and ended in the past and the sentence have a nouns as subject and verbs as predicate. Simple past tense nominal is sentence about activities that began and ended in the past and the sentence do not verb or the sentence have nouns as subject and predicate. Simple past tense verbal & nominal is sentence of simple past tense that have nouns as subject and verbs and nouns as predicate.

The purpose of this study is to describe the simple past tense which explains that the activities contained in the Charlotte's Web novel happened and finished in the past. It mainly talks about simple past tense verbal, nominal and verbal & nominal. The Charlotte's Web novel is a novel by E.B White a.k.a Elwyn Brooks White an American writer who is also known as the author of the novel Stuart Little. The Charlotte's Web novel was first published in Canada in 1952 by Fitzhenry & Whiteside Limited, Toronto. Charlotte's Web Novel is one of her children's books which won numerous awards. This novel has been translated into 23 languages with sales of more than 45 million copies. This novel tells about a child named Fern who raises a pig that his father wanted to killed because the pig was born prematurely. Fern held her father and then the pig was given to Fern to be raised. The pig named is Wilbur. By the time, when Wilbur was grow up, Wilbur sold to her uncle named Zuckerman. In the Zuckerman's farm, Wilbur met many animals one of them is Charlotte (spiders). This novel is heartwarming of animals friendship story.

METHOD

The researcher took the data source from Charlotte's Web novel chapters 1-5 because this chapter is the orientation of Charlotte's Web novel. It is focused on simple past tense. This research uses quantitative methods. The quantitative method is a research method that focuses on testing theories and hypotheses that consider the discovery of differences and relationships that use numerical and statistical data to make inferences about the phenomenon as cited in (Kaswan; Suprijadi, Dasep; Suryani, 2016). The quantitative research is based on the measurement of the quantity or amount (Kothari : 2004) and the results of data obtained in the form of numbers as cited in (Nurohman, 2018).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

The researcher analysis simple past tense verbal, nominal and verbal & nominal on Charlotte's Web Novel. Researcher analysis in chapter 1-5 because this chapter is orientation of novel. This table is percentage every chapter that have simple past tense in the form verbal, nominal and verbal & nominal. Below is table percentage of simple past tense on Charlotte's Web Novel.

Table.1

The tendency of sentence that use Simple Past Tense Verbal, Nominal or Verbal & Nominal.

No.	Chapter	Total of Simple Past Tense	Verbal	Nominal	Verbal & Nominal
1	1	40	67,5%	22,5%	10%
2	2	31	61,3%	25,8%	12,9%
3	3	75	70,7%	18,7%	10,6%
4	4	41	73,2%	19,5%	7,3%
5	5	50	72%	26%	2%
Total		237			

The most simple past tense in the chapters is chapter three that have 75 simple past tense and the least in chapter two that have 31 simple past tense. In the all chapters, the simple past tense is doniman by simple past tense verbal with percentage 61,3% - 73,2%. Simple past tense nominal have percentage 18,7% - 26%. The sentence that have form verbal & nominal have percentage 2% - 12,9%.

Table 2. The tendency of sentence that use Simple Past Tense Verbal, Nominal or Verbal & Nominal in chapter 1.

Chapter	Pages	Sentence	Verbal	Nominal	Verbal mix Nominal
1	1	3		Born	
			Put		
	1	10			
	1	15	Pushed & Ran		

1	16	Smelled & Wet
2	3	Stopped
3	1	Ran, took & tried
3	7	Smiled
3	14	Came
3	15	Seemed
3	20	Returned & carried
3	21	Upstairs
3	22	Smelled & Set for breakfast
3	24	Set
3-4	1	Walked, washed & dried.
4	2	Came
4	3	Red
4	4	Approached
4	5	Looked
4	6	Lifted
4	7	Newborn
4	8	A white
4	9	Shone
4	16	Closed
4	17	Kissed
4	18	Opened, lifted, & held
4	19	Came
4	20	Ten
4	21	Heavily
4	24	Got
5	6	Up at daylight
5	12	Found

5	13	Poured, fitted & handed		
6	1		Seated	
7	3	Honked		
7	5	Grabbed		
7	6	Ran & climbed		
7	7	Took		
7	8		Sat, Strated & And how lucky, to have entire charge	
7	11		Said & Still	
7	14	Blushed		
Total	40 Sentence	27 (67,5%)	9 (22,5%)	4 (10%)

Table 3. The tendency of sentence that use Simple Past Tense Verbal, Nominal or Verbal & Nominal in chapter 2.

Chapter	Pages	Sentence	Verbal	Nominal	Verbal mix Nominal
2	8	1	Loved		
	8	2	Loved		
	8	3	Got, warmed, tied, held		
	8	4	Stopped, jumped & ran		
	8	9		Allowed	
	8	11		Moved	
	8	13	Fixed, gave & pleased		
	9	4	Sat		
	9	5	Ran, held & sucked		
	9	7	Peered		
	9	10	Crawled, disappeared & covered		
	9	11		Enchanted	

9	12	Relieved, covered		
10	1	Walked, waited & came		
10	3		In school & Shut up	
10	5	Went		
10	9	Liked		
10	11			Looked, Closed & So Long
10	13	Put, went		
10	14	Tagged		
10	16	Found		
10	17			Played, Splashed, Amused & Wann
11	1		A happy, peaceful	
11	2		What farmers call a spring pig & Born in springtime	
12	1			Said & Five weeks old, now big enough
12	2	Broke & wept		
12	3		Firm	
12	15		Soon arranged	
12	16	Got, hollered, came & talked		
12	17	Heard & said		
12	18			Taken & Went
Total	31 Sentence	19 (61,3%)	8 (25,8%)	4 (12,9%)

Table 4. The tendency of sentence that use Simple Past Tense Verbal, Nominal or Verbal & Nominal in chapter 3.

Chapter	Pages	Sentence	Verbal	Nominal	Verbal mix Nominal
3	13	1		Very large	
	13	2		Very old	
	13	3	Smelled		
	13	4	Smelled		
	13	6	Smelled		
	13	8	Smelled		
	13	9	Pitched		
	14	2		Kind of barn	
	14	3		The kind of barn	
	14	4		Owened	
	14	5		In the lower	
	14	6	Knew		
	14	7		Warm and com	
	14	8	Came		
	15	2	Sat		
	15	3	Got		
	15	5			Trusted & So quiet and friendly
	16	1	Told & Wanted		
	16	4			Wandered & Almost two months
	16	6	Stood & Bored		
	16	8	Found & Ate		
	16	9	Leaned		
	16	10	Walked, Climbed, & Sat		
	16	13	Walked		
	17	1	Looked & Saw		

17	9		Loose
17	11		Walked, Saw & Right one board was loose
17	12	Put & Pushed	
17	13	Gave	
17	15	Chuckled	
17	19	Felt	
18	2	Gave, Twirled, Ran, Stopped, Looked, Sniffed & Set	
18	4	Felt	
18	6		First to see him
18	7	Saw & Shouted	
18	14	Heard & Started	
18	15	Heard & Ran	
19	1	Walked, know	
19	5		Broke & Great
19	6		Shouted, Knew & Free
19	7	Told & Knew	
19	8	Learned	
19	12	Know	
19	13		Seemed & After him
20	4	Took	
20	7	Sprang	
20	8	Jumped & Ran	
20	9	Reached & Grabbed	
20	10	Screamed	

20	11	Cheered		
20	12	Dodged		
21	1	Missed & Grabbed		
22	5		Dazed & Frightened	
22	6	Like		
22	8		A very young	
22	9			Wished & To take him
22	10	Looked, Saw & Felt		
22	11	Lifted & Sniffed		
22	12		Delicious	
23	1	Care		
23	2	Smelled		
23	3	Took		
23	7	Kept		
23	11	Reached, Climbed & Poured		
23	12		Pulled & A wide hole	
23	13	Paid		
23	14	Stepped		
23	15	Walked & Took		
23	16		Good to be	
23	18	Leaned & Scratched		
24	2	Heard		
24	3	Felt		
24	4	Felt		
24	5	Felt		
24	6		Still	
Total	75 Sentence	53 (70,7%)	14 (18,7%)	8 (10,6%)

Table 5. The tendency of sentence that use Simple Past Tense Verbal, Nominal or Verbal & Nominal in chapter 4.

Chapter	Pages	Sentence	Verbal	Nominal	Verbal mix Nominal
4	25	1		Rainy & Dark	
	25	2	Fell & Dripped		
	25	3	Fell, Ran & Crooked		
	25	4	Spattered & Came		
	25	5	Fell & Grazed		
	25	9	Went		
	26	1		The most interesting & Better than nothing	
	26	2	Planned		
	26	3	Planned & Buried		
	26	4	Planned		
	26	8	Planned		
	26	9	Planned		
	26	10			Plaanned & Like to be alive
	27	1	Awoke & Seemed		
	27	3	Stood		
	27	4	Walked & Looked		
	27	6		Cold & Wet	
	27	8		Nowhere to be seen	
	27	10		No answer	
	27	11	Felt		
	27	15	Heard		
	27	16	Budge		

27	17	Dumped, Scraped & Walked		
27	18			Noticed & Wrong with the pig
27	19	Want & Wanted		
27	20	Wanted		
28	10	Tried		
29	1	Lay & Listened		
29	2	Saw & Used		
30	4			An example
30	5	Enabled		
30	7			Slept & Aboard
30	8	Watched		
30	9	Saw & Wooden		
30	10	Pulled		
30	14	Went		
31	3			Certainly
31	4	Know		
31	5	Settled		
31	6			Only shadows
31	8	Sounded		
Total	41 Sentence	30 (73,2%)	8 (19,5%)	3 (7,3%)

Table 6. The tendency of sentence that use Simple Past Tense Verbal, Nominal or Verbal & Nominal in chapter 5.

Chapter	Pages	Sentence	Verbal	Nominal	Verbal mix Nominal
5	32	1	Seemed		
	32	2		Empty and his mind was full	
	32	4	Woke & Started		

32	7	Woke & Heard
32	8	Scraped
32	11	Woke & Heard
33	13	Yawned
33	14	Heard
33	15	Woke & Listened
33	16	Still dark
33	17	Lay
33	18	Quiet
33	21	A slight
33	22	Loved
34	1	Went
34	3	Sat
34	5	Lightened
34	7	Looked
34	8	Searched
34	9	Examined
34	10	Saw
34	12	Hated & Nowhere to be seen
34	13	Cleared
34	16	Paused
34	17	Lifted & started
34	18	Blushed
34	19	Determined
34	24	Looked
35	5	Mean
35	6	Lay
35	7	Know

35	8		Right the friend was still asleep	
35	9	Approached		
35	10	Rushed, Ate & Licked		
35	11	Moved & Walled		
35	14	Jumped		
36	6		Big & A large	
38	1	Plunged		
38	2	Dropped		
38	4	Grabbed		
38	5	Watched		
39	17		Trapper	
39	18		Trapper	
39	22		Sad & So bloodthirsty	
40	19	Raised & Poked		
41	1	Stood		
41	3		Tired	
41	4	Brought		
41	8		Merely	
41	9		To discover & mistaken about Charlotte	
Total	50 Sentence	36 (72%)	13 (26%)	1 (2%)

Discussion

Novel is a kind of literature to entertain readers. In the novel there are many forms of sentences. In this study, researcher used Charlotte Web Novel chapter 1-5 which are part of orientation as material. Researcher analyzing simple past tense on the Charlotte Web Novel and found the tendency of the Charlotte Web Novel to used simple past tense verbal, nominal, or verbal&nominal.

Data shows that in this study there are many sentences that use simple past tense in the chapters. The simple past in this chapters is 237 sentence. In chapter one the number of simple past tense is 40 sentences. The number of simple past tense verbal is 27 sentences (67,5%), the number of

simple past tense nominal is 9 (22,5%), and the number of simple past tense verbal & nominal is 4 (10%). In chapter two the number of simple past tense is 31 sentences. The number of simple past tense verbal is 19 sentences (61,3%), the number of simple past tense nominal is 8 (25,8%), and the number of simple past tense verbal & nominal is 4 (12,9%). In chapter three the number of simple past tense is 75 sentences. The number of simple past tense verbal is 53 sentences (70,7%), the number of simple past tense nominal is 14 (18,7%), and the number of simple past tense verbal & nominal is 8 (10,6%). In chapter four the number of simple past tense is 41 sentences. The number of simple past tense verbal is 30 sentences (73,2%), the number of simple past tense nominal is 8 (19,5%), and the number of simple past tense verbal & nominal is 3 (7,3%). In chapter five the number of simple past tense is 50 sentences. The number of simple past tense verbal is 36 sentences (72%), the number of simple past tense nominal is 13 (26%), and the number of simple past tense verbal & nominal is 1 (2%).

The most of simple past tense in chapter three with 75 sentences and the least in chapter 2 with 31 sentence. Then, the most simple past tense verbal, nominal, and verbal & nominal in chapter three with 53 simple past tense verbal, 14 simple past tense nominal, and 8 simple past tense verbal & nominal of 75 simple past tense. The least simple past tense verbal in chapter two with 19 sentences of 31 simple past tense. The least simple past tense nominal in chapter two with 8 sentences of 31 simple past tense and chapter four with 8 sentences of 41 simple past tense. The least simple past tense verbal & nominal in chapter five with 1 sentence of 50 simple past tense.

CONCLUSION

The orientation section in the Charlotte's Web novel is found in chapters 1-5. This chapters is the introduction of the characters contained in the novel. At the end of chapter 2 tells the first conflict that the pig named Wilbur will be sold to Mr. Zuckerman. The conflict will lead the reader to the introduction of the main character, Charlotte, in Chapter 5. In this research, the researcher focused on analyzing simple past tense. When analyzing there are sentences that contain a combination of two simple past tense that is verbal and nominal. But the percentage of the merging sentences is not too much that is between 2% - 12.9% or 1-8 sentences. While the percentage of simple past tense verbal is from 61.3% - 73.2% or 19-53 sentences. And percentage of simple past tense nominal is from 18.7% - 26% or 8 - 14 sentences.

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