

AN ANALYSIS OF ILLOCUTIONARY ACTS FOUND IN WOLFWALKERS MOVIE

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Abstract

This article entitled An Analysis of Illocutionary Acts Found in *Wolfwalkers* Movie. This article focuses on identifying utterances that use illocutionary act. There are two problems discussed in this study, those are what types of illocutionary acts found in *Wolfwalkers* movie and what are the functions of illocutionary acts expressed in *Wolfwalkers* movie. To answer the problems this article used two theories. First, the theory of types illocutionary acts proposed by Searle (1979) and the second theory from Leech (1983) to analyze the function of illocutionary act. The researcher used descriptive qualitative method to describe the data to answer the problem of the study. The study's findings indicate that there are 47 data of types illocutionary act.

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INTRODUCTION

Every person uses language to communicate. According to Adianti, Hilman, & Suci (2022), in order to convey their feelings and fulfill their requirements in daily life, humans utilize language to communicate with other people. Sending and receiving information between two or more persons is referred to as communication. According to Buck and Vanlear (2002) there are two types of communication such as verbal and nonverbal communication. In communication, people need to learn how to ask a question, make suggestion, offer, apology, greeting, request, and complaint, invite, and refuse. There are many ways that can help people to create a good communication. One of them is by using appropriate speech act. (Yule 1996) stated that in a speech act, the listener will interpret the meaning of a statement based on the speaker's intended meaning. According to Austin (1962), when people performing an action in saying something it is called as speech act. According to Austin (1962: 108), Three categories of speech acts are recognized: locutionary act, illocutionary act, and perlocutionary act. In this study focused on illocutionary act found in *Wolfwalkers* movie. According to Searle's classification (1979: 12), Illocutionary acts can be classified into five categories, including; assertive, directive, commissive, expressive, and declaration. Even though, speech act mostly occurs in daily communication, it also can be found in the movie through conversation from the character in the movie. There are so many sources can be taken as the data source in finding the illocutionary acts, one of them is the movie *Wolfwalkers*. It has been proven this data source contains a variety of illocutionary acts. This study discusses five categories of illocutionary acts. The data source of this study is a movie. A movie, also called to as a film, is a type of visual communication that uses sound and moving pictures to tell stories or share knowledge. In movie people can improve the understanding about some specific subject through visual aspect. There are many speech acts that are used in movies in the communication between characters to deliver the story. This study analyzed the speech act in the *Wolfwalkers* movie, because this movie has many moral values and is well-known among kids, teenagers and adults. This study is also able to expand the knowledge base regarding the types of speech acts that may be used

in daily conversation to ensure that the conversation flows smoothly, possibly changing the audience's mind about something and increasing the audience's credibility.

The data source was taken from the conversation uttered by the characters on the *Wolfwalkers* movie. There were some types of illocutionary act found in their utterances which indicated by the implied meaning behind it. *Wolfwalkers* was a 2020 animated fantasy adventure film directed by *Tomm Moore* and *Ross Stewart*. It was the third and final film in Moore's *Irish Folklore Trilogy*, following his previous films *The Secret of Kells* (2009) and *Song of the Sea* (2014). The movie has received dozens of nominations and won 21 award categories. “*Wolfwalkers*” won in the Best Animated Film category at the 2021 International Online Cinema Awards. The film was also nomination for an Oscar 2021 in the Best Animated Feature Film category. This movie with a duration 103 minutes. The data was supported by the movie script. This movie was interesting to be analyzed since there some types of illocutionary acts found in their utterances which indicated by implied meaning behind it. By watching this movie the viewer got inspiration to help each other.

METHOD

The data of this study was taken from utterances of the characters in *Wolfwalkers* movie. The data collected through observation. According Barker (2006), since the researcher must frequently assume many roles and collect data using a variety of techniques including his or her senses. This study used observation method by watching the movie and taking notes of utterances that conduct as illocutionary act. The procedures to collect the data were: First, watching the movie and try to understand each utterance that conduct as illocutionary act that found in *Wolfwalkers* movie. Second, reading the script of the movie to collected utterances were belonged to the data. Third, taking notes the illocutionary act that found in movie and classifying the illocutionary act in utterances to get deeper understanding.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

The findings of this study indicate that there are 47 data of illocutionary acts found in *Wolfwalkers* movie. This study explain the data based on the findings described in the descriptive way. The result table attached clearly as follow :

Table 1. Types of Illocutionary Acts

Illocutionary Act	Number of Occurance	Percentage
Assertive	10	21,2%
Directive	19	40,4%
Commissive	11	23,3%
Expressive	6	12,7%
Declaration	1	2,1%
Total	47	100%

Based on the data above, this study found 47 utterances containing types of illocutionary acts, such as assertive, directive, commissive, expressive and declaration. Directive are the most

utterances deliver by characters in the “Wolfwalkers” movie. It is used to ask, command, and order the hearer in order to fulfill the speaker’s desire. The frequency of directive occurrences 19 utterances or (40,4%). It is followed by commissive which the occurrences are 11 utterances or (23,4%), assertive which the occurrences are 10 utterances or (24,3%), expressive which the occurrences are 6 utterances or (12,7%) and declaration which the occurrence is 1 utterances or (2,1%).

Discussion

Data 1 :

Robyn : *Don't you see? I'm one of them. I'm a Wolfwalker.*

The conversation took place in the forest. The people involved in the conversation were Mebh, Robyn and Goodfellowe. The conversation takes place when Mebh finds her mother being locked up in a cage by the Lord Protector, Mebh is so angry that she calls a pack of wolves to help free her mother. But a few moments later when Mebh arrives in the forest, Robyn helps Mebh to get her mother out of the forest without Mebh knowing. After that Robyn took Mebh's mother to go to the forest to meet Mebh. Arriving in the forest Mebh is very happy because she can finally be with her mother again. After that, in the forest Goodfellowe arrives who suddenly shoots Mebh's mother, Robyn is angry with her father for hurting her friend's mother. After that incident Robyn went with Mebh and left her father, Robyn went in the form of a Wolfwalker.

In this context, Robyn’s utterance classified as **assertive act** because Robyn’s statement contains true condition that she is not only a girl but she is wolfwalker also. Thus, the speaker’s utterance contain true condition because it delivered based on the speaker’s perspective. The utterance delivered by Robyn to the hearer has hidden meaning which is the speaker want to tell about the condition that in the world there really are wolfwalkers.

The utterance above has **collaborative function** because the utterance above has an illocutionary goal indifferent to social goal. In this case, the illocutionary goal of the utterance is to tell about the condition of the forest that the wolfwalkers exists beside that speaker also give information that at that time they would not be able to live together again because now they were of different form. The social goal of the utterance is that the hearer can understand his current condition, the speaker can not be with him anymore because she has to help her friend's mother who has been shot by robyn's father.

Data 2 :

Goodfellowe : *Robyn! We are not so welcome in this land yet.*

Robyn : *But I'd be just as safe out there with you.*

That conversation took place near the royal gate. The people in the conversation were Robyn and Goodfellowe. The conversation took place in the morning when Goodfellowe was out hunting in the woods. When Goodfellowe left the house, Robyn secretly followed her father because she wanted to join the hunt in the woods. In the middle of the village Goodfellowe found out that Robyn was following him, so he immediately called Robyn, at the same time one of the royal soldiers called Goodfellowe to discuss while Robyn was told to wait until he finished the discussion. When Robyn was waiting for her father there was a group of village

children who mocked Robyn, now Robyn was angry and fought the children until Robyn kicked one of the children. Hearing the fight Goodfellowe immediately approached Robyn and advised her.

The Goodfellowe's utterance it belongs to **directive illocutionary act**. Because the speaker wants hearer to do something nice with anyone there because they are new residents there. In this context, speaker's utterance has **competitive function**. Because the speaker asks the hearer to obey his orders and also the rules that are there. This utterance has illocutionary goal is to make hearer obey the rules that are there and hearer have to stay at home because children are not allowed to come out of the royal walls. Meanwhile social goal is speakers want listeners to be safer by telling listeners to stay at home because if she go hunting in the forest it is very dangerous.

Data 3 :

Robyn : *I'll sneak out and meet you back here tomorrow.*

The conversation happened under a big tree in the forest. The people included in the conversation were Robyn and Mebh. The conversation happened when Robyn had turned into a Wolfwalker because a few days ago Mebh bit Robyn on the arm. That night Robyn panicked so much because she turned into a wolf that she went to the forest to meet Mebh. Mebh is shocked to see Robyn turning into a wolf as she thinks the bite on Robyn's arm is healed. Because it already happened, Mebh invites Robyn to learn how to be a wolf and go around the forest. When they stop under a big tree they talk about each other's lives, Mebh tells that her mother has been gone for a long time and Robyn promises to help Mebh to meet her mother.

The utterance above which delivered by Robyn is classified as **commissive illocutionary act** because she promises to the hearer that she will meet the hearer in that way again. Moreover, this utterance has **convivial function** because the utterance above contains an intention that the speaker will meet the hearer in the way they met before. The illocutionary goal of the utterance above is speaker promises to help hearer to find her mother and speaker wants to meet the hearer in that place again to talk about how to find Mebh's mother. The social goal is the speaker and the hearer will meet in the place where they met before.

Data 4 :

Robyn : ***Mebh, I'm so sorry. I was only trying to keep you safe. Trying to help. I didn't know what to do.***

Mebh : *Aw, come here to me, townie.*

The words in bold above that was spoken by Robyn happened in the forest. The people included in the conversation were Robyn and Mebh. The conversation takes place when Mebh finds out her mother is being locked up in the kingdom and also Mebh gets angry with Robyn because Robyn knows Mebh's mother is in the kingdom but she does not tell Mebh. At that time Mebh was in the forest to call a pack of wolves to help free her mother, but when Robyn came with Mebh's mother, Robyn had saved Mebh's mother.

In this context, Robyn's utterance is classified as **expressive act** because Robyn clearly said "sorry" in her utterance. Moreover, the utterance above has **convivial function** because in the

context of the speaker being more polite to the hearer, that can see it in the utterance "I'm sorry". This utterance has an illocutionary goal to make the hearer understand the speaker's situation and also the speaker apologizes to the hearer because she did not tell her mother's condition from the start. While the social goal is speaker hopes that the hearer can understand what she is saying because it is for the good of the hearer and also the hearer can forgive the speaker.

Data 5 :

Robyn : *You're one of us.*
Father, you're in our pack now.

The utterance spoken by Robyn above happened when Robyn declared Goodfellowe as the new wolfwalker in the forest. After fighting with the troops from the Lord Protector kingdom who wanted to burn the forest and capture all the wolves there, Goodfellowe turned into a Wolfwalker because Robyn bit her father because she wanted to always be with her father. Goodfellowe turned into a wolf with his help Robyn was able to defeat the troops from the kingdom. After that, in Mebh's cave, she asked for help from all the wolves to help treat his mother who was shot, finally Mebh's mother was saved and could reunite with her habitat. Meanwhile Goodfellowe is embarrassed so he wants to leave but Robyn tells that he is now part of the wolfwalkers.

The utterance above which was spoken by Robyn is classified as declaration act because Robyn clearly declared Goodfellowe as the new wolfwalker in the forest, Robyn declared that in front of other wolfwalkers. The utterance also has collaborative function because the utterance above spoken by the speaker has an illocutionary goal to announce to all the wolves in particular to the hearer that the speaker states there is an additional member in her group. The social goal is speaker expected people in the forest as wolfwalker and wolves also accepted the new wolfwalker with joy and happiness.

CONCLUSION

The analysis of illocutionary acts in the *Wolfwalker* movie is the focus of this article. According to the study's goals, to find out the types of illocutionary acts and to identify the function of illocutionary acts. According the findings of a data analysis using the character's utterances in *Wolfwalkers* movie, there were some types of illocutionary acts found in their utterances which indicated by the implied meaning behind it. The types are assertive, directive, commissive, expressive and declaration. Each types of illocutionary acts have different function based on the illocutionary goals that wanted to be achieved. This article found there were 3 functions of illocutionary act found in the utterances of character, namely; collaborative, competitive, convivial.

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