

METHODS

3.1 Research Design

Qualitative research design was used to conduct this study. As stated by Grosseohme (2014), qualitative research aims to explore the significance of experience in a study sample by utilizing written texts, frequently transcriptions of focus group discussions or individual interviews. Moreover, qualitative research also helps generate hypothesis which explores and provide deeper insights into the study data (Tenny et al., 2017). Therefore, this study found that it was suitable to use qualitative research design as it can facilitate a comprehensive analysis to seek an in-depth understanding in the realization of clause complexity in the news articles of BBC News and Jakartapost in reporting the Gaza conflict.

3.2 Procedure of Data Collection

The data sources of this study includes three English news articles taken from BBC News website and three of The Jakarta Post English news articles that reported the same event, which was about the Gaza conflict. Moreover, several topics were selected and the data were categorized based on the several related topics under the consideration that they were covered by both news outlets.

Furthermore, it was found that the two media generates four similar topics; aid airdrops in Gaza, famine deaths in Gaza, the raids of Al Shifa hospital by Israel, and the encompassed of Indonesian hospital by Israeli tanks. The articles were further sorted into representative topics in which the topics of the raids of Al Shifa hospital by Israel and the encompassed of Indonesian hospital by Israeli tanks were considered parallel. Therefore, the researcher eliminated the latter topic for efficient data analysis process.

Furthermore, the three news articles taken from the JakartaPost were entitled “Gaza health ministry says war deaths near 30,000 as famine looms,” “‘Last resort’: Donors hope to offer Gaza lifeline with air drops,” and “Israel raids hospital in center

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of Gaza war.” On the other hand, the selected BBC News featured articles were entitled “Children starving to death in northern Gaza – WHO”, “Israel-Gaza war: US carries out its first aid airdrop in strip,” and “Gaza hospital crippled as fighting rages nearby.” In addition, these data were chosen as they were considered to be representing news on Gaza conflict. By incorporating this arrangement, this study hopes to uncover differences or similarities in news reporting, in terms of taxis and logico-semantic relationships, between the two media.

3.3 Procedure of Data Analysis

Further, in order to meet the objectives of this study, the collected data were analyzed using the clause complex theory proposed by Halliday and Matthiessen (2014). Several procedures were carried out to analyze the data. Firstly, the researcher read the news articles to comprehend the information given in the texts. Secondly, the texts were broken down into clauses based on the number of ranking clauses that they contain. Third, the clauses were analyzed on the basis of taxis and logico-semantic regulation referring to the abovementioned theory. Fourth, the patterns in the dominant use of taxis and logical function occurred in the news texts of both media were discussed and compared. Fifth, the intended meanings were drawn from the clause structure patterns in the news texts of both media. Finally, conclusion was made from the analysis.