**A Grammatical Error Analysis in A Fourth Semester Students' Interview**

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**ABSTRACT**

Language is one of the means of human communication in interacting with one another. Broadly speaking, language has become part of human life, even a basic human need in carrying out their lives. However, along with the development of the era, the use of English is increasingly being rivaled by the use of slang, especially among students, causing some errors in knowing what the meaning of the word is. To avoid things that cause someone's English to speak English correctly, and then use the method to practice, and understand the word classes contained in grammar. But the most important thing is to master as much vocabulary as possible to improve English perfectly. In this study, researchers obtained data sources by interviewing 4th semester students and 2nd semester students through student social media, namely the Teams application which was carried out online. This study focuses on the analysis of the use of interview grammar, which was obtained using a qualitative descriptive method. The form of presentation is done by descriptive presentation in the form of words or sentences that do not have percentages and numbers. Therefore, the researchers analyzed the data errors according to the category of grouping the types of word classes used so that the researchers got 8 data, where the data had errors in the use of the simple present word class, the use of To be, action verb, and perfect tense.

**Key words**: Grammatical Errors; Simple Present; Perfect Tense

**INTRODUCTION**

Grammar is the main system in the arrangement of words in a sentence. According to Education & Faculty, (2017) Can tell about patterns and shapes in languages, especially English. Proper arrangement of sentences such as the use of words, verb systems, and nouns. Grammar gets errors in pronunciation because of something that causes it to happen, as stated by Hubbard (1983:134) that errors are caused by lack of knowledge of the target language or by wrong hypotheses about it. Language is a grammatical system that has worked to perform a system that speakers exploit

purposefully. Language is used to do things not merely to report them or to talk about them. According to Erlinda, (2010)

In connection with human activities every day by using language as a daily necessity in interacting, of course the role of grammar and the structure of language use is very important to note so that a sentence will be perfect. Grammar and vocabulary are components that must be mastered in the learning process as Harmer (2001:12) explains that grammar is a description of the ways in which words can change shape and can be combined into sentences in language. The grammatical approach can be constructed in a sentence well, when grammatical patterns are used properly, and how the sentence will be interpreted correctly. Grammar refers to a set of rules that make it possible to combine words in a language to become a large unit. But the fact is that grammar has its own rules based on how it is used.

Sometimes someone when conveying something does not pay attention to the structure and grammar used, so that's where errors appear in the use of grammar, as in the student interviews at Putera Batam University semester 4 and 2, there are some grammatical errors. used by the interview, which was conducted in a Teams app by the student. so that the listeners of the speech of each sentence of the language do not understand the meaning contained in the speech conveyed by the speaker on journal Putri & Dewanti, 2014. According to Burt and Kiparsky (1974) that grammatical errors are errors that are not in accordance with grammatical rules that can make writing not good meanwhile on journal Nanas et al., (2016). According to Ellis (1997) says that grammar is traditionally related to the principles that determine the formation of the interpretation of words, phrases, and sentences. Therefore, the use of grammar is very important to use and pay attention to so that the sentences conveyed meet the grammatical system so as not to affect the meaning in the text.

These events are documented through the Teams application that they use and are accessed by people who join in the conversation so that some of them make it a lesson and inspiration in themselves and also help others as one of the important information to know so that through the phenomenon This can be a basis for students to pay more attention to the use of grammar in every word or sentence that is spoken.

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

**Previous Related Study**

According to Tlonaen, (2020) expresses it The grammatical is a common one The challenge faced by NNS graduate College student a grammatical error has occurred found also in Iraqi postgraduate Students "write academically where Research shows that postgraduate Students make mistakes in tenses, Preposition, passive voice, verb Dan Morphological error Mohammed, (2015)

Grammar is the rule to write correctly, Use grammar can make the understanding about the system and meaning in the text or utterance comprehensively. According to Rahmayani Suci,( 2017)

Grammar includes clear principles of formation and interpretation of words, phrases and sentences in order to create a meaningful row of sentences. According to Asni and Susanti, (2018) on the journal. Ni Putu & Ni Komang, (2020)

Most students never consider the complexity of using the simple present tense, they experience confusion in using the plural and singular in the sentences they want to convey. The influence of their mother tongue is because there is no change in the verb in Indonesian, for example "he walks to school every day." The arrangement of sentences in the simple present includes: S+V1+(S + es)+ O.

It should be noted that the use of To Be in a sentence is a link between the subject and the predicate. The use of to be is only used in the simple present tense in nominal form (adjectives, nouns). While in the present continuous tense is used for verbs.

Example:  Simple present tense = I +am + nominal
          Present continuous tense = I am +Verb + Ing

Action verb is the most complex part of speech. The various arrangements with nouns define different types of declarative sentences, exclamatory commands. There are various types of verbs according to, ( RI No. 43 20Permenkes19, (2019) the kind of complement they may have, they are: Linking Verb, Transitive or Intransitive Verbs, Reflective Verbs

## METHOD

### Design and Samples

This research is a qualitative descriptive study to analyze errors in the use of grammar in interviews with Putera Batam university students using the student teams' application. With regards. Rianto, (2016) this may be based on the fact that qualitative research is not related to numbers or statistical test tools.

### Instrument and Procedure

The main purpose of research is to find, develop, or test the truth of knowledge empirically based on data and facts (Semi, 1993). Therefore according to Sugiyono, (2013) qualitative research is an interpretive method because the research data is more likely to interpret the data found field. With the data that has been found by observing the places that have been carried out, the next step is to present the results of the research.

This study aims to find out errors in grammar usage in student interviews at Putera Batam University semesters 4 and 2. This research was conducted using purposive sampling technique, The steps taken in data collection were first, the researcher watched a video interview of Putera Batam University students in the Teams application, the researcher collected all the types of sentences and words used by the student in the video.

**Data Analysis**

The process of analyzing data is effort to organize data that is continued to be discussion of the data. Researcher did not conduct a more complex data collection such as interview or observation. The data were analyzed using Video record on teams' application, Huberman & Saldana (2014) model including data collection, data display, data reduction and data verification and for the data classification of the errors, the researcher used Taxonomy of grammatical error adapted from Ho (2005).

**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

After observations were made in this study, there were several types of grammatical errors used by Putera Batam University students; the researcher said that there were several errors in the conversations between the students. In accordance with the results of the study, there were several grammatical errors, namely the use of "To be" errors, and the use of word classes in plural and singular forms, such as the Simple Present tense, past, future, progressive. To analyze this research, the researcher tried to classify the error based on the data that had been obtained by the researcher. Below will be described some sentences that experienced errors in the use of grammar by students of Putera Batam University semester 2 and 4, namely as follows:

1. It is now I am fourth semester.
   In a data above the sentence is incorrect. The to be in the sentence is am that tell about present tense. Therefore, the time signal now is not needed.
   The correct sentence: **I am fourth semester.**

2. I am like singing
   In a data above the sentence is incorrect. The sentence has a non action verb namely like using to be:
   Subject + to be + adjective          subject + to be + adverb
   Subject + to be + noun
   Based on using to be, the sentence does not use to be, the sentence also cannot use verb Ing, because the verb is a non action verb.
   The correct sentence: I like to sing or I like singing.

3. I ever heard the company

The sentence is incorrect because Sources do not know the location the interviewer said and the true sentence is I've never seen this company. This tenses is present perfect tense because the sentence use have and seen (v3)

4. Don't you know about me

   The sentence is incorrect. The sentence is interrogative, the sentence use do/does. You can use any questions for me? That's more accurate.

5. What is the thing that make you happy with your boyfriend?

   The sentence use make is incorrect. The correct sentence use makes. Because is the sentence use The third-person singular simple present indicative form of make is makes.

6. How do you divide your time to work and study?

   The sentence use divide it's more accurate to use spend. The sentence is because it is in the passive voice. The passive voice requires <u>the appropriate form of the verb "to be" + past participle</u>, and spent is the past participle of spend

7. Yes, I am only a student at Campus. I also work at one of Batam.

   Based on the data above, we know that there has been an error in the use of grammar where the subject is singular, and for errors in the use of auxiliary words that indicate a place use "on" instead of "at" before the noun "on" is used to indicate a more specific location so with the word "on" otherwise "on" is used for locations or addresses that are not general but also not very detailed so the correct sentence is: **Yes I am only a student on campus. I also work in one of the Batam Industtries.**

8. I never play badminton

   The data has errors in adding auxiliary words and also the class of words used, the sentence form in the data above is simple past, an event that has occurred, so the correct verb is "played" not "play" and after the subject is followed by the word "have". So that the sentence is more perfect, so the correct sentence is: **I have never played badminton.**

## CONCLUSION

The use of grammar in students there are several errors both in the simple present, the use of To be and others, on video recorded in the Teams application is carried out by four and two semester students. The simple present tense which is a sentence that is used daily also has errors in the writing and pronunciation of the sentence. Based on the results of this study, the authors also want to give advice to students, especially English students and other research. It is recommended that English students improve their knowledge of grammar so that they do not experience errors in the use of grammar when speaking or writing. And it is also recommended to other researchers, especially those who have discussed the same problem in

conducting research, it is recommended as research and a reference through this research.

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