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**Linguistic Features in an Academic Text**

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This paper is aimed to fulfill the requirement of Analysing English Academic Discourse subject and to examine linguistic features in academic writing. The language features discussed in this paper involve lexical density, nominalization, extended noun phrases, and technicality in academic text. Lexical density refers to the proportion of content words such as nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs in a text (Laufer & Nation, 1995). Nominalization according to Halliday (1989) is the remodeling of grammar, from verbs or adjectives into nouns. Biber and Gray (2010) state that nominalization is one important strategy to make the text dense. The extended noun phrase or complex noun phrase is relevant to the use of longer noun phrases that consist of a head noun with pre- and/or post modifiers (Fang, 2004). The last characteristic presented to this paper is technicality. This feature relates to an expression with a specialized field-specific meaning (Wignell, Martin, & Eggins, 1993, p. 144). Furthermore, Halliday (1989) argues that technical terms have something to do with somewhat abstract level.

On the basis of linguistic features described in the foregoing section, a textual-based analysis will be employed in the introduction part of Subandowo's (2021) article of *Meaning Relations on Racism and Racial Discrimination News in the Jakarta Post*.

1. **Lexical Density**

*“There are some* ***media******platforms*** *// that can be* ***used*** *to* ***spread******information****.//* ***News*** *is* ***one*** *of* ***alternative******ways*** *in* ***broadcasting*** *the* ***information****.// It* ***includes******online****,* ***mass*** *or* ***electronic******media****. //* ***News*** *can be the* ***way*** *of* ***influencing******societies*** *by* ***providing******easy******access*** *to the* ***information*** *(Mubarak, 2014; Sukma & Utomo, 2016; Chaerunnisah, 2020).”*

Number of clauses = 5

Number of words = 44

Number of content words = 24

Lexical density

(number of content words/ number of words X 100%) = 24/44 x 100% = **54%**

Text 1. Clause boundaries are marked with //. Content words are in bold.

1. **Nominalization**

*“Recently,* ***people*** *who do not have much* ***time*** *to buy printed* ***newspapers*** *or* ***magazines****,//* ***they*** *may easily access online media* ***platforms****// that are provided by* ***news******companies****. //* ***One*** *of the online* ***news******companies*** *in* ***Indonesia*** *is the* ***Jakarta******Post****.// This online* ***newspaper*** *has been popular as* ***Indonesia****’s leading* ***English****-****language*** *daily.”*

Number of words = 51

Number of Nouns = 18

Number of nominal phrases = 13

Text 2. Clause boundaries are marked with//. Nouns are in bold. / Nominal phrases are underlined.

1. **Extended/ Complex Noun Phrases**

*“Many journalists use* ***this tool to present press reports*** *// and construct* ***the social world of journalism****.// Journalism may become* ***an important field of shaping agendas, public debate, opinions, identities and social reality information*** *including politics, racism and* ***discrimination to minorities*** *(Fairclough, 1989, 1995; Richardson, 2007).”*

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| **Determiner** | **Modifier** | **Head** | **Post Modifier** |
| This | - | tool | to present press reports |
| The | social | world | of journalism |
| An | Important | field | of shaping agendas, public debate, opinions, identities and social reality information |
| - | - | discrimination | to minorities |

Text 3. Clause boundaries are marked with//. Extended noun phrases are in bold.

1. **Technicality**

*“For example, political aspects address the* ***distribution*** *of* ***social goods*** *in* ***interaction****, such as* ***power*** *and* ***status****,// which relates to* ***beauty****,* ***intelligence****,* ***race****,* ***gender****,* ***sexual orientation*** *and so forth (Gee, 1999).”*

Text 4. Clause boundaries are marked with//. Technicality are in bold.

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