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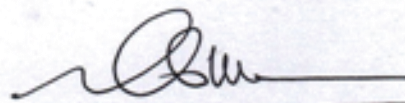
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Many popular movies script are written in English, which are difficult to understand by Indonesian people. Therefore, the film producers must transfer English to certain target language, in this case Indonesian language, in order to make the audience easily enjoy the films. They require transferring language method named subtitling. Subtitling is a textual version of the dialogue which is not in films only, but also in television programs. Through subtitling, the audience of the foreign languages can enjoy the film by reading the translated text on the bottom of the screen without having ambiguous thinking. Subtitling strategies that can be applied are condensation, decimation, deletion, dislocation, expansion, imitation, paraphrase, resignation, transcription and transfer. Subtitling strategies are needed to translate the subtitle of *Nightcrawler* movie in order to give the information about the story for the target language viewer's.

The formulation of the research problems were: 1) What kind of subtitling strategies were found in the *Nightcrawler* movie? 2) Which strategies mostly occurred in the subtitling *Nightcrawler* movie ?

The purposes of this study were to: 1) describe the subtitle strategies used by the translator in *Nightcrawler* movie. 2) analyze the mostly used subtitling procedures to translate the script of *Nightcrawler* movie into Indonesian.

Research Method: 1) the research design in this study was quantitative descriptive approach. 2) the population of this research was all of the dialogues in the *Nightcrawler* movie. 3) this research did not take a sample because this population belonging to finite or countable population, it was possible to count its individuals. 4) the research instrument was checklist.

The result showed that not all parts of subtitling strategies are used. There are some subtitling strategies unused: dislocation, transcription, condensation and resignation strategy. There are only six strategies out of ten strategies applied by the subtitler in translating subtitle in *Nightcrawler* movie. The result showed that there are 261 (4,03%) dialogues of transfer strategy, 185 (2,85%) dialogues of paraphrase strategy, 76 (1,17%) dialogues of imitation strategies, 27 (0,41%) dialogues of condensation strategies, 38 (0,58%) dialogues of deletion strategy, 26 (0,40%) dialogues of decimation strategy, 34 (0,52%) dialogues of expansion strategy.

Transfer is the strategy most frequently used by the subtitler in Nightcrawler movie. Where the subtitler translated the dialogues completely and accurately.



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Banyak dari film populer yang berbahasa Inggris, yang sulit dimengerti oleh orang Indonesia. Maka, para produser film harus menerjemahkan bahasa Inggris ke target bahasa tertentu, dalam hal ini bahasa Indonesia, untuk mempermudah penonton menikmati film. Mereka membutuhkan metode menerjemahkan bahasa yang disebut subtitling. Subtitling adalah dialog versi tertulis yang tidak hanya ada di film tetapi ada juga di acara televisi. Dengan subtitle, penonton dari bahasa lain bisa menikmati film dengan cara membaca terjemahan teks yang ada di bawah layar tanpa membuat bingung. Strategi membuat subtitle yang bisa digunakan adalah expansion, paraphrase, transfer, imitation, transcription, dislocation, condensation, decimation, deletion, and resignation. Strategi membuat subtitle dibutuhkan untuk menerjemahkan subtitle dari film *Nightcrawler* untuk memberikan informasi tentang cerita untuk penonton dari target bahasa.

Rumusan masalah dalam penelitian ini adalah: 1) apa saja strategi pembuat subtitle yang ditemukan di film *Nightcrawler*? 2) strategi yang mana yang paling sering muncul dalam pembuatan subtitle di film *Nightcrawler*.

Tujuan dalam penelitian ini adalah: 1) untuk mendeskripsikan strategi subtitle yang digunakan oleh pembuat subtitle di film *Nightcrawler*. 2) untuk menganalisa strategi subtitle mana yang paling sering muncul di film *Nightcrawler*.

Rumusan masalahnya adalah: 1) metode penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan quantitative descriptive. 2) populasi dalam penelitian ini adalah semua dialog dalam film *Nightcrawler*. 3) penelitian ini tidak mengambil sample karena populasinya termasuk dalam finite atau populasi yang bisa dihitung. 4) penelitian ini menggunakan instrumen checklist.

Penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa tidak semua strategi digunakan dalam pembuatan subtitle di film *Nightcrawler*. Strategi pembuatan subtitle yang tidak digunakan adalah: dislocation, transcription, and resignation. Hanya 7 strategi yang digunakan dalam pembuatan subtitle di film *Nightcrawler*. Hasilnya menunjukkan bahwa 261 (4,03%) dialog menggunakan strategi transfer, 185 (2,85%) dialog menggunakan strategi paraphrase, 76 (1,17%) dialog menggunakan strategi imitation, 27 (0,41%) dialog menggunakan strategi condensation, 38 (0,58%) dialog menggunakan strategi deletion, 26 (0,40%) dialog menggunakan strategi decimation, 34 (0,52%) dialog menggunakan strategi expansion.

Transfer strategi adalah strategi pembuat subtitle yang paling sering di gunakan oleh pembuat subtitle di film Nightcrawler, dimana pembuat subtitle menerjemahkan dialog secara lengkap dan akurat seperti bahasa asal.

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