

CHAPTER IV

RESEARCH FINDING

This chapter presents the results of the research based on the gathered data during the investigation. It explores the research findings concerning to the most frequently used verbs in the news article. It will show the word frequency of the verbs in news articles.

A. Word Frequency of the Verbs in the News Articles

The result of the analysis of news article corpus in this study found that there are 16.956 verbs used in the corpus of news article with the total of whole token in the corpus is 104.776 words. In other words, in a number of 16.18% from the total of whole tokens in the corpus of news article were found in the form of verbs. In addition, from the result of tagged data it shows that the verbs are divided into eighteen word forms according to the tenses, namely verb be in base form (VB), verb be in past form (VBD), verb be in gerund/participle (VBG), verb be in past participle (VBN), verb be in present and 3rd person singular (VBZ), verb be present and non-3rd person (VBP), verb have in base form (VH), verb have in past form (VHD), verb have in gerund/participle (VHG), verb have in past participle (VHN), verb have in present and 3rd person singular (VBZ), verb have in present and non-3rd person plural (VBP), verb in base form (VV), verb in past form (VVD), verb in gerund/participle (VVG),

verb in past participle (VVN), verb in present and 3rd person singular (VVZ), and verb in present and non-3rd person plural (VVP).

However, the researcher focused to analyse only the top 150 most frequent verbs from the whole verbs type list which is presented on the following table.

Table 4.1. Word Frequency List of the Verbs in the News Article

Rank	Word Type	Frequency	Rank	Word Type	Frequency
1	was	710	76	think	23
2	is	695	77	warned	23
3	said	662	78	give	22
4	has	531	79	believe	21
5	be	426	80	come	21
6	have	375	81	injured	21
7	are	358	82	leave	21
8	were	329	83	met	21
9	been	278	84	accused	20
10	says	250	85	comes	20
11	had	185	86	met	20
12	have	124	87	shot	20
13	s	124	88	using	20
14	told	120	89	appeared	19
15	say	105	90	avoid	19
16	killed	85	91	become	19
17	according	75	92	calling	19
18	including	74	93	ensure	19
19	being	71	94	giving	19
20	reported	66	95	leaving	19
21	did	61	96	led	19
22	take	61	97	left	19
23	make	58	98	put	19
24	took	58	99	sentenced	19
25	does	57	100	working	19
26	saying	56	101	asked	18
27	do	54	102	continue	18
28	arrested	52	103	makes	18

29	following	52	104	making	18
30	get	40	105	proposed	18
31	came	39	106	protect	18
32	taken	39	107	reached	18
33	called	38	108	allow	17
34	contributed	38	109	am	17
35	trying	38	110	began	17
36	do	37	111	convicted	17
37	help	37	112	missing	17
38	killed	37	113	showed	17
39	left	37	114	used	17
40	held	36	115	want	17
41	called	35	116	agreed	16
42	end	35	117	arrived	16
43	made	35	118	based	16
44	meet	35	119	build	16
45	re	35	120	doing	16
46	released	35	121	find	16
47	going	34	122	gave	16
48	want	34	123	growing	16
49	added	33	124	heading	16
50	having	33	125	helped	16
51	known	32	126	holding	16
52	made	32	127	looking	16
53	tweeted	32	128	lost	16
54	died	29	129	needs	16
55	taking	29	130	return	16
56	detained	28	131	spoke	16
57	seen	28	132	tried	16
58	form	26	133	vote	16
59	go	26	134	appears	15
60	happen	26	135	brought	15
61	leading	26	136	carrying	15
62	said	26	137	found	15
63	see	26	138	hold	15
64	expected	25	139	keep	15
65	found	25	140	killing	15
66	lead	25	141	living	15
67	wants	25	142	say	15
68	wounded	25	143	seeking	15
69	died	24	144	stop	15

70	discuss	24	145	went	15
71	fighting	24	146	allowed	14
72	announced	23	147	coming	14
73	became	23	148	include	14
74	remains	23	149	issued	14
75	reported	23	150	leaves	14

According to the result of the finding on the table, it pointed out that there are many kinds of verbs which found in the corpus of news article. In this study, the researcher categorized the verbs according to Beth Levin's (1993) English verb classes. From the result of categorization it revealed that there are twenty four classes of verb found in the top 150 verbs list. The twenty four verb classes includes verbs of communication, verbs of motion, verbs of creation and transformation, verbs of existence, verbs of psychological state, verbs of change of possession, verbs of sending and carrying, verbs of appearance, disappearance, and occurrence, hold and keep verbs, etc. But there were some verbs that excluded in Levin's categories, that is to be and auxiliary verbs. This was excluded in the count of the most frequent verb in this study. This following table will present the categorization of verbs found in the corpus of news article within the amount and the percentage of frequency.

4.2. Table of Verb Classes Found in Top 150 Verbs List (According to Levin's English Verb Classes)

No.	Verb Classes	Percentage
1.	Verbs of Communication	18.64%
2.	Verbs of Motion	3.70%
3.	Verbs of Creation and Transformation	3.35%
4.	Verbs of Existence	3.23%

5.	Verbs of Psychological State	2.83%
6.	Verbs of Change of Possession	2.54%
7.	Verbs of Sending and Carrying	2.45%
8.	Verbs of Appearance, Disappearance, and Occurrence	2.24%
9.	Hold and Keep Verbs	2.03%
10.	Verbs of Killing	1.54%
11.	Verbs of Social Interaction	1.31%
12.	Verbs of Perception	1.15%
13.	Verbs of Desire	1.04%
14.	Aspectual Verbs	0.96%
15.	Measure Verbs	0.42%
16.	Judgement Verbs	0.41%
17.	Verbs of Removing	0.39%
18.	Verbs Involving the Body	0.24%
19.	Contact by Impact	0.23%
20.	Verbs of Avoid	0.21%
21.	Verbs of Putting	0.21%
22.	Verbs of Searching	0.17%
23.	Lodge Verb	0.17%

As a result of this study which was aimed to analyse the most frequent used verbs in news article, the table 4.3 points out that there are twenty four categories from the Levin's (1993) which were occurred in the news article corpus. The first five ranks of verb types which were frequently used in news article are verbs of communication (18.64%), verbs of motion (3.70%), verbs of creation and transformation (3.35%), verbs of existence (3.23%), and verbs of psychological state (2.83%). The verbs of searching and lodge verbs were regarded as the least frequently used in the top 150 verbs list in news article (0.17%).

Firstly, the result of the study show that the verbs of communication is regarded as the first most frequent verbs used in news article, in a number of

18.64%. According to Levin (1993:202), verbs of communication is the classes of verbs relating to the activity of communication and the transfer of ideas. It contains the words of verb such as say, tell, report, call, announce, show, etc. The following sentences is including the example of the use verbs of communication in the news article corpus. The first is entitled *Real Madrid Manager Zinedine Zidane Quits Days after Winning Third Champions League Title* by Ryan Gardos (2018).

“Real Madrid manager Zinedine Zidane said Thursday he’s quitting after two and a half seasons with the club and leading them to their third straight Champions League title. Zidane said he felt like it was the right time for him and the club to make a change. “What I think is that this team needs to continue winning but I think it needs a change, a different voice, another methodology. And that's why I took this decision,” he said at a press.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/sports/2018/05/31/real-madrid-manager-zinedine-zidane-quits-days-after-winning-third-champions-league-title.html>)

The second example is extracted from article entitled *ISIS Supporter Who Urged Prince George Attacks Pleads Guilty to Terrorism Charges* by Travis Fedischun (2018).

“Lees told the 32-year-old that the trial had heard the "most disturbing allegations," Sky News reported. “It is inevitable that you will receive a very lengthy prison sentence and there will be a consideration of a life prison sentence," he said.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/31/isis-supporter-who-urged-prince-george-attacks-pleads-guilty-to-terrorism-charges.html>)

Secondly, the most frequent verb category which placed in the second rank is verbs of motion. It covers the use of verbs which included as motion

verb in a number of 3.70%. The motion verbs is used to describe the movement of animate entities and inanimate entities (Levin, 1993:267). The word types of leave, go, lead, come, arrive, etc. which found in this study are included in the form of motion verbs. For example, it is found in an article which entitled *Journalist Joins Ranks of Stranger-Than-Fiction Faked Deaths* by Jill Lawless (2018).

“John Stonehouse was a British Labour lawmaker with financial troubles. With his business ventures crumbling, Stonehouse went to Florida in 1974 and faked his own death by leaving his clothes in a bundle on a Miami Beach.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/30/journalist-joins-ranks-stranger-than-fiction-faked-deaths.html>)

The next example was found in article entitled *Debate over Family Separations Intensifies after Disputed 'Missing' Kids Reports* by Elizabeth Llorente (2018).

“We need to help Central American countries address their problems,” she added. “Conditions in Central America are so dire, it makes people want to leave and make this [dangerous] journey.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2018/05/30/debate-over-family-separations-intensifies-after-disputed-missing-kids-reports.html>)

The third type of English verbs class which found in this study is the verbs of creation and transformation. Levin (1993) stated that the members of most of the motion verb classes identified as transitive or intransitive verbs that creates or describes the transformation of an entity. The frequency of verbs of creation transformation in the top 150 covers 3.70%. It contains the verb word types such as make, having, form, work, build, etc. The sample of the use verbs

of creation and transformation can be found in article entitled *Iraqi Christian Hits Pope's 'Submissive' Policy on Tolerance for Islam, Other Religions* by Hollie McKay (2018).

“But there is one small silver lining for the ailing religious minority. Defying the terrorist threat and rampant displacement, in late 2015 the Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese of Erbil formally opened the CUE in the Christian enclave of Ankawa. Today, Zebari and the student body – many still rendered homeless and deeply scarred by the ISIS onslaught – continues on with the goal of enabling Iraqi Christians, and some Muslim students too, the opportunity to make a powerful dent in the world.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/30/iraqi-christian-hits-pope-s-submissive-policy-on-tolerance-for-islam-other-religions.html>)

The use of this verb also found in article which entitled *Poland Seeks Permanent US Troop Presence to Deter Russia* by Travis Fedschun (2018).

“The Onet.pl news portal reported that Poland is seeking the permanent deployment of a U.S. armored division and is offering up to \$2 billion to help build the infrastructure. It says the defense ministry has written to U.S. politicians and the U.S. Congress with details of the proposal.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/28/poland-seeks-permanent-us-troop-presence-to-deter-russia.html>)

The forth place of the verb frequency ranks was filled up by verbs of existence. The result of this study pointed out that verbs of existence is used in news article in an amount of 3.23%. Verbs of existence is functioned as verbs that indicates the existence of an entity at some location (Levin, 1993:250). Verbs that indicate the existence of something which found in this study including the word type according, include, following, remain, grow, etc. The use of verbs which indicates existence can be found in article entitled

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas Leaves Hospital after Weeklong Stay

by Mohammed Daraghmeh (2018).

“Abbas took over as a caretaker leader following the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in 2004, and was elected for what was supposed to be a five-year term the following year.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/28/palestinian-president-mahmoud-abbas-leaves-hospital-after-weeklong-stay.html>)

The other example is in article entitled *Gaza Truce Brings Little Relief to Volatile Situation* by Josef Federman (2018).

“But Israel's apparent military and diplomatic advantage does not solve the underlying problem of having a volatile, impoverished territory on its doorstep. Many analysts and members of the international community believe it is only a matter of time before Gaza boils over again as long as the blockade remains in place.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/30/gaza-truce-brings-little-relief-to-volatile-situation.html>)

The fifth type of English verbs class which found in this study is the verbs of psychological state. Levin (1993: 189) argued that the members of most of the verbs of psychological state classes identified as the experiencer and the stimulus (or sometimes theme, cause, object of emotion, or target of emotion). Verbs of psychological states might include transitive and intransitive verbs, but the most numerous is the transitive ones. The frequency of verbs of creation transformation in the top 150 covers 2.83%. It contains the verb word types such as try, expect, think, believe, wound, etc. The sample of the use verbs of psychological state can be found in article entitled *Puerto Rico Grid 'Teetering' Despite \$3.8 Billion Repair Job* by Michael Weissenstein.

“After an eight-month, \$3.8 billion federal effort to try to end the longest blackout in United States history, officials say Puerto Rico's public electrical authority, the nation's largest, is almost certain to collapse again when the next hurricane hits this island of 3.3 million people.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/31/puerto-rico-grid-teetering-despite-3-8-billion-repair-job.html>)

The other example is in article entitled *China Would Retaliate Against US Trade Crackdown, Beijing Official Warns* by Amy Lieu

“China believes the two countries have a huge potential for cooperation and does not want to see an escalation of Sino-U.S. trade frictions, Gao told reporters at a regular news briefing, Reuters reported.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/31/china-would-retaliate-against-us-trade-crackdown-beijing-official-warns.html>)

The last category which have the least frequent verb found in this study were in the form of verbs of searching and lodge verbs and both have similar percentage of frequency (0.17%). Lodge verbs, according to Levin (1993), including verbs which used to describe one's living situation. In other words, it's usually used to inform that someone is living in some place or location. Whereas, the verbs of searching include verbs which relate to searching situation. Word of lodge verb which found in this study was word type *live* only, and word type which included into verbs of searching in this finding was word *seek* only. The example of the verb *live* of lodge verbs use can be found in an article which entitled *Bangladesh PM Urges Myanmar to Take Back Rohingya Muslims* by Associated Press (2018).

“About 700,000 Rohingya have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state since last August and are living in squalid camps across the border in Bangladesh.

Aid agencies and have expressed concern that the Rohingya will not be safe or be able to live freely if they return.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/25/bangladesh-pm-urges-myanmar-to-take-back-rohingya-muslims.html>)

While the example of verb seek of verbs of searching found in article entitled 1 suspect in *Canada Restaurant Bombing May Be A Woman* by Associated Press (2018) from the Fox News.

“Canadian police now say a woman may be one of two suspects they're seeking in an explosion last week that injured 15 people in an Indian restaurant west of Toronto. Police previously said both suspects were men. But Peel regional police Supt. Rob Ryan said Tuesday new video evidence and witness interviews suggest at least one of the suspects could be a woman.”

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/29/1-suspect-in-canada-restaurant-bombing-may-be-woman.html>)