

TRANSITIVE AND INTRANSITIVE VERBS IN HARRIS J'S SONG LYRICS

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ABSTRACT

This research discussed about transitive and intransitive verbs in song lyrics by Harris J. A verb is a word that expresses action or a state of being and is necessary to make a statement. There are three kinds of transitive verbs, they are: monotransitive, ditransitive, and complex transitive. There are two kinds of intransitive verb, they are: complete predication and incomplete predication. There were two formulations of the problems in this research, the first was what are kinds of transitive and intransitive used in Harris J's song? . The second, what is dominant form of the verb used in lyrics song by Harris J?. The objectives of this research were to find out how many transitive and intransitive verbs and to find the dominant of transitive and intransitive verbs. The kind of the research was library research. The data source was taken from all the lyrics of the songs "Good Life, I Promise, My Hero, and The One" by Harris J. The data analysis used in this research were preparing the data for analysis, understanding the data, identifying the data, starting with reading the specified song lyrics including transitive or intransitive verbs and classifying and finally describing the data. From the result of the data analysis of the four Harris J's songs, the researcher found the total percentage 64% those were 40 verbs that contain transitive verb, the researcher found 38 monotransitive, 2 ditransitive and there was no complex transitive and intransitive verbs with the total percentage 36% those were 23 verbs; 19 complete predication and 4 incomplete predication.

Key words: Verb, Transitive Verb, and Intransitive Verb.

INTRODUCTION

People who do not know the meaning of something and will miss communication without language. Language cannot be separated from people, because it is so important in every aspect of life. Every nation has a national language as Indonesian language, Arabian has Arabic language, British has English language. English has become an important popular language for international communication. English is one of the international language has important role as in such technology, education, sciences, politics, economics, art, etc. Someone will find it difficult to explain opinions and feeling without using language. While English is the language that is worldwide and is used to communicate with each other in every field. Therefore most countries encourage everyone to speak English and learn English. However, learning English is difficult for Indonesian learners because of some reasons, they are; many words whose writing and pronunciation are similar, different spelling and different word order on grammar. Although learning English is difficult for Indonesian students, it is one of the compulsory subjects for them starting from junior high school. To minimize the difficulties English, teachers have to think how to make learning English be more easy, such as by using suitable contextual approach as using a song. Song is a tune and sounds which consists of melody, lyric, music arrangement, notation.

Song becomes one of the most favored literary work. That is because the song has the allure of beauty in terms of language. Song consists of sentences, sentence are made up of clauses and phrases, clause is a group of words that contain at least a subject and a verb. Basically, every human being has a sense of beauty. Anything that adds to the beauty or can be useful can enter the realm of art. Art is a human work of value that is made based on ideas so that it has aesthetics and affects the feelings of others. In the heyday of the Ottoman Empire, music therapy was usually used for several purposes, such as mental health treatment, organic disease treatment, or improving one's harmony, namely balancing health between body, mind, and emotions. Music is also believed to be

able to cause a person to fall asleep, sad, happy, and can also stimulate intelligence. In teaching learning process is very important to know about the verb, because the verb is a person of action in their daily activities. This study focused on the use of transitive and intransitive verbs in song lyrics because many verbs could be analyzed by the writer. In English, verbs are divided into three types, namely action verbs, modal verbs, and auxiliary verbs. The verb has several types, one of which is the action verb. Action verbs are used in grammar. Used in english tenses such as present tense, past tense, future tense, progressive tense because they want to show when an action or activity occurs. Every song has many messages and the song needs to analyze the meaning to understand the song. In this researcher the writer wants to explain more specific about verb form like transitive and intransitive verbs. There are the different types of verb corresponding closely to the different types of object and compliment.

According to Chakravarty, said that parts of speech tell us how a word is going to function in the sentence. Below there are the function of parts of speech and examples of its use in sentences and phrase by Mulyana; there are four parts of speech noun (common noun and proper noun), adjective (collection adjective and compound adjective) and adverb (adverb of frequency and adverb of manner) and verb (transitive and intransitive verb). An action verb which has an object, either direct or indirect, is called a transitive verb. The word “transitive” sounds complex, but in reality identifying transitive verbs is really not that difficult (more details on how to determine which verb is transitive or intransitive are presented in section “Transitive or intransitive: Which is it?”). Transitive verbs express an action and are followed by an object. A transitive verb contrasts with an intransitive verb, which is a verb that does not take a direct object. Transitive verbs are verbs that take a direct object in the sentence. Further explanation regarding transitive verbs lead you to an understanding of the types of transitive verbs, namely monotransitive, ditransitive and complex transitive. To better understand the types mentioned, as the explanation below:

- a. Monotransitive : A type of transitive verb that has only one object.

Ex; Mr firman loves his wife

Subject verb object

From the sentence above can understand that monotransitive has only one object.

b. Ditransitive verbs are verbs that take two objects in the sentence: a direct object telling ‘what’ or ‘whom’ and an indirect object telling ‘to’ or ‘for whom’ the direct object is sent, given, made, bought, and so on. A type of transitive verb that can have 2 objects with direct object (DO) and indirect (IO) mention. Ditransitive has both a direct object and indirect object.

Ex; Ahmad gives a sword to Mr Firman

Subject Ditransitive DO IO

Ahmad buys Mr Firman an apple

S DV IO DO

You gave me no choice

S DV IO DO

The explanation above gives understanding of 2 patterns that can use when using ditransitives in sentences.

c. Complex-transitive verbs are verbs that take a direct object and an object attribute in the sentence. The direct object tells ‘what’ or ‘whom’ and the object attribute describes a quality or characteristic pertaining only to the direct object. A verb that requires a direct object and another object and object complement (complementary object). Complementary objects can be nouns, pronouns, and adjectives.

Ex :

a. The court found his analysis compelling.

S V DO object complement

b. The juries declared the manas the champion

S V DO object complement

It is different from transitive verb that without the direct object, which means that sentences with transitive verbs will sound awkward, but the meaning of sentences

with intransitive verbs can be captured well. In Latin “intrans” means not to drain. So, that intransitive verbs are not followed by objects because there is no action or behavior that is channeled. An intransitive verb is an action verb that is not followed by words that answer the question what or whom. An intransitive verb is simply defined as a verb that does not take a direct object. This happens because the object does not work as the recipient of the action and the action that occurs does not involve the direct object. Intransitive verbs are verb conditions that do not require an object, but to better understand intransitive verbs, consider the types of intransitive verbs below;

1. Complete predication

This type of intransitive verb does not require a complement and is generally followed by an adverb after the verb.

Ex; She sleeps on the roof

She=S sleeps=V on the roof=Adv

2. Incomplete predication

The intransitive type is usually called a linking verb. This type of verb tends to have incomplete meaning and requires complements in the form of adjectives, nouns, and adverbs or better known as subjective complements.

Ex;

Pola : S(subject)+LV(linking verb)/IP(Incomplete predication+SC (subjective complements).

a. Mr firman feels happy

Mr firman=S feels= LV/IP happy=SC

b. Mr firman looks angry

Mr firman=S looks= LV/IP angry=SC

An intransitive verb is one which does not need an object to complete its meaning. Note that in the example sentences above, there is no verb followed by an object.

METHOD

In conducting a research, it is important for the researcher to determine the research method that would like to use. This research will employ a library

research to expand the theories and the references to support the analysis. The researcher used some journals, books and articles that related to this research. In this study the researcher used Harris J's song lyrics. The data were taken from four songs from his debut album "Salam". There are Good Life, I Promise, My Hero, and The One. The instruments of data collection are: Myself, lyric document, and a blanko checklist. The researcher has a role to collect and identify the data which contain transitive and intransitive verbs. The researcher will explain the way of collecting data based on several steps, they are:

- a. The researcher searching song lyrics of Harris J's song in website.
- b. After got the song lyrics, the researcher read all the data sources.
- c. After read the lyrics the researcher analyze the lyrics and found the words that related to transitive and intransitive verbs.
- d. The researcher will underline the words, and phrases which are related to transitive and intransitive verbs.

There are several steps that are used in analyzing data, they are:

- a. *Understanding*, the researcher read and identified the data in lyrics song by Harris J.
- b. *Identifying*, the researcher found all the words that contain in transitive and intransitive and then underline.
- c. *Classifying*, this process transitive and intransitive verbs. Then, find the most dominant of transitive and intransitive in song lyrics by Harris j.
- d. *Describing*, the data that words in lyric song which belong to transitive and intransitive verbs.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

From the result of the data analysis of the four Harris J's songs, the researcher found the total percentage 64% those were 40 verbs that contain transitive verb, the researcher found 38 monotransitive, 2 distransitive and there was no complex transitive and intransitive verbs with the total percentage 36% those were 23 verbs; 19 complete predication and 4 incomplete predication.

Dominant Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

No.	Song Title	Kinds	Total
1.	Good Life	Transitive	15
		Intransitive	4
2.	I Promise	Transitive	9
		Intransitive	10
3.	My Hero	Transitive	9
		Intransitive	1
4.	The One	Transitive	7
		Intransitive	8

The researcher found the kinds of transitive and intransitive verbs in lyrics song by Harris J. To make easy to know the dominant kinds of transitive and intransitive verbs in song lyrics by Harris J, the summary of kinds transitive and intransitive verbs in lyrics song by Harris J were presented below:

a. Transitive

The researcher found transitive verbs that found in four songs of Harris J (Good Life, I promise, My Hero and The One) there were 40 lyrics.

1) Monotransitive that found in song Good Life 13 verbs, I Promise 9 verbs, My Hero 9 verbs and in The One song 7 verbs. Total was 38 monotransitive.

2) Distransitive that found only in song Good Life were 2 verbs. Total 2 verbs.

b. Intransitive

Intransitive verbs found in four of Harris J's songs (Good Life, I Promise, My Hero, and The one) were 23 verbs.

1) In the song of Good Life, researcher found 3 complete predication. In I Promise song researcher found 8 complete predication, My Hero song researcher found 1 complete predication and in The One song were 7 verbs. Total was 19 lyrics.

2) In the song of Good Life, researcher found 1 verb incomplete predication, I Promise researcher found 2 verbs, My Hero nothing and in The One song ony 1. Total was 4 lyrics.

So from explanation above, the dominant form of the verb used in lyrics song by Harris J was transitive verbs and type was monotransitive.

CONCLUSION

The researcher can be concluded that transitive and intransitive verbs is commonly used in literature field especially in the songs and has important role to make lyrics more triggering and interesting. We need transitive and intransitive verbs, when learning about verbs especially action verb, so we know which one verb need an object and which one do not need an object and also the researcher hopes help the readers to know form of the verbs then get understanding about kinds of transitive and intransitive.

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