

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problem

Deixis refers to the linguistic phenomenon where the meaning of certain words and phrases can only be understood within their context of use. In other words, deixis involves words that require additional information in order to be fully understood. When it comes to analyzing deixis, choosing a movie script with a rich and complex plot can be helpful. In this research, I choose to analyze Knives Out movie script that concerns a deixis with its types and the references that are shown in Knives Out movie script. In this research, I am interested in analyzing deixis used in movie script entitled “Knives Out” (2019). It could assist the others who will conduct the same topic about deixis, and it could be useful for teacher to add other variations of teaching deixis through movie script. By analyzing the deixis in the "Knives Out" movie script, I can learn on how the characters use language to interact with one another. For example, I might look at how the characters use pronouns like "he" and "she" to refer to someone or how they use "this" and "that" to refer to particular objects or events in this movie script.

Knives Out is about Harlan Thrombey, a wealthy crime novelist, invites his extended family to his mansion on his 85th birthday. Tragically on the following day, Mr Thrombey is found dead and it appears to be a suicide or a murderer, as discovered by his housekeeper, Fran. As the police arrive at the crime scene, a private investigator named Benoit Blanc, also hired anonymously in order to assist solving the crime. During the investigation, Benoit Blanc uncovers the fact that the entire family had a strained relationship with Harlan Thrombey, the father. Just two days before his death, Harlan changed his will, leaving everything to Marta Cabrera, the part-time nurse who genuinely cared for him. Recognizing that Marta will physically react by vomiting if she lies, Benoit Blanc forms an alliance with her in order to solve the case.

Knives Out movie script is written by Rian Johnson. This movie having its first debut first time in theatre on November 27th 2019 and has the runtime for 2 hours 10 minutes long. Knives out movies starring Ana de Armas as Marta Cabrera,

Daniel Craig as Benoit Blanc, Chris Evans as Ransom Drysdale, Jamie Lee Curtis as Linda Drysdale, Toni Collette as Joni Thrombey, and many more.

1.2. Identification of the Problem

Based from the background of the research problem that has been explained above, I identify there are several problems appear in this research, such as: many use of deictic words found in “Knives Out” movie script and the lack of each character intended meaning did not explained clearly.

1.3. Limitation of the Problem

From the background of the problem and identification of the problem that has been explained above, I limit my research to describe the types of deixis based on Stephen C. Levinson’s theory and explain the reference word to convey the lack of intended meaning from each character in “Knives Out” movie script.

1.4. Formulation of the Problem

1. What are the types of deixis that are used in “Knives Out” movie script by Rian Johnson?
2. What is the reference word that are shown in “Knives Out” movie script by Rian Johnson?

1.5. Objective of the Research

There are two objective of the research that will be presented as follows:

1. To identify and describes the types of deixis that are used in “Knives Out” movie script.
2. To identify and describes the reference word that are shown in “Knives Out” movie script.

1.6. Benefit of the Research

There are two benefits of the research. More details will be presented as follows:

1. Practical benefits

- The object of this research can be used for similar research in further research.
- As a reference material for teaching linguistics.

2. Theoretical benefits

- As a reference material in the study of linguistics that examines deixis.
- Provide a deep scientific understanding of the studies of deixis.

1.7. Systematic Organization of the Research

In making this thesis, it is necessary to write in a systematic way that is easy to understand. In order to make this thesis easier, it will be divided into several chapters:

CHAPTER I:

INTRODUCTION

In this first chapter, it consists six types of the related to the studies such as Background of the Problem, Identification of the Problem, Limitation of the Problem, Formulation of the Problem, Objectives of the research, Benefits of the Research, Systematic Organization of the Research.

CHAPTER II:

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

In this second chapter, it consists several sub-chapter according to the research title of this thesis. The theoretical framework in this study contains the definition of pragmatics, context, deixis and its types, reference meaning and many expert theories about theory of deixis.

CHAPTER III:

RESEARCH METHOD

In this third chapter, it consists Time and Location, Research Approaches and Methods, Research

Objects and Data, Data Collection Techniques, and Data Analysis Techniques.

**CHAPTER IV: AN ANALYSIS OF DEIXIS IN “KNIVES OUT”
MOVIE SCRIPT BY RIAN JOHNSON**

In this fourth chapter mostly include the analysis of data on the types of deixis and the references that are shown in “Knives Out” (2019) movie script by Rian Johnson.

CHAPTER V: CONCLUSION

In this last chapter of the thesis contains a conclusion from research results. The reader will gain a better understanding of the significance of this research from the conclusions.

