ABSTRACT

This paper tries to identify the types of ambiguity in the headlines article, whether it is lexical, which contain homonymy and polysemy or structural ambiguity. The purpose of this paper is to discover the real meanings of the headlines article of the Jakarta Post Weekender (1st edition-17th edition). In addition, this paper is trying to find the possible words or phrases to replace the ambiguous expressions. There are 22 headlines taken from the Style Counsel and Global Style Column. After analysis, there are 7 headlines that carry lexical ambiguity, 1 headline carries structural ambiguity and 1 headline carries both lexical and structural ambiguity. In lexical ambiguity there are 4 homonymy and 4 polysemy. To get information about ambiguous words in the headline articles, a set of questionnaire was distributed to the 8th semester students of Binus University. This paper concludes that the most ambiguous types are used in the article headlines: Style Counsel and Global Style which was categorized as lexical ambiguity.

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