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## Analysis of Language Errors in Letters from Readers of Hidayatullah Magazine 2023 Edition

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#### Abstract

*This research was carried out with the aim of describing several things, namely (1) describing and explaining language errors from the use of capital letters in writing Reader's Letters in the 2023 edition of Hidayatullah Magazine, (2) describing and explaining language errors in writing words in Reader's Letters in the Magazine Hidayatullah 2023 edition, (3) describes and explains language errors in the use of punctuation marks in the Reader's Letter in the 2023 edition of Hidayatullah Magazine. This research uses a qualitative descriptive research design. The data for this research is in the form of Reader Letters in the 2023 edition of Suara Hidayatullah magazine. The method in this research is the observation method. This data was collected through observation. The data collection technique used was reading and note-taking. In collecting data, the researcher read the Reader's Letter and then observed language errors according to the spelling level, especially errors in the use of capital letters, errors in writing words, and errors in the use of punctuation marks. To maintain the validity of the data, data triangulation activities were carried out. Data analysis activities start from the data review stage, data identification and classification stage, and data evaluation stage.*

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## Introduction

According to Chaer (2011: 2) the main function of language is as a tool for cooperation or communication in human life in society. Using language makes it easier for humans to communicate and carry out daily activities. Judging from the means of use, language varieties can be divided into spoken and written varieties. In the verbal form, the information conveyed can be clarified using intonation, certain body movements, and the situation in which the conversation takes place. In the written variety, the language elements used tend not to be as complete as the spoken language elements. Therefore, the information conveyed in writing is clearer and must be complete. If the elements used are incomplete, there is a possibility that the information conveyed cannot be understood correctly.

According to Tarigan (2008: 1) there are four aspects of language skills which are included in language learning, namely (1) listening skills, (2) speaking skills, (3) reading skills and (4) writing skills. These four skills are a very important part of achieving communication goals. In terms of writing system, Dalman (2014: 4) says that writing is a form of communication that conveys messages to other parties using written language as the medium. By mastering writing skills, it is hoped that someone will be able to express the ideas, thoughts and feelings they have after undergoing the learning process in various types of writing, both fiction and non-fiction.

In the correct context of Indonesian, a person is expected to be able to communicate verbally and in writing. This is because language shows the nation, so we should use good and correct grammar, especially in the context of writing, which is in accordance with the grammar used with the applicable Indonesian language rules or conventions. In general, language has a central role in the intellectual, social and emotional development of students. Language is also a supporter of success in studying all fields of study.

At the level of language error analysis, Tarigan (2011: 126) says that language error analysis is the side that has defects in students' speech or writing. These errors are parts of the conversation or composition that 'deviate' from standard or selected norms of adult performance. Meanwhile, Hastuti (2003: 2) says that analysis is an investigation that aims to find the core of the problem, then examine it from various aspects, criticize it, comment on it, then conclude. According to Setyawati (2010: 16) language error analysis is a work procedure commonly used by researchers or language teachers, which includes the activities of collecting

samples of errors, identifying errors contained in the samples, explaining the errors, classifying the errors, and evaluating the level of seriousness of the errors. Based on this background, the researcher was interested in analyzing it, because writing in Indonesian according to the researcher deserves attention, so the researcher took the title "Analysis of Language Errors in Letters from Readers of the 2023 edition of Hidayatullah Magazine".

## Method

The research approach used in this research is a qualitative descriptive approach. Researchers chose to use qualitative research methods because the data obtained allows researchers to be able to describe the data found at the research site. The errors in the text are used as data in this research. The research subject in this research is a literature study on Hidayatullah Magazine in 2023. The data sources used in this research are primary data and secondary data. The form of data in this research is in the form of words which include spelling in the analysis of language errors in readers' letters. Data collection techniques are a very important step in research. The steps taken in collecting data are: (1) Read the Reader's Letter carefully; (2) Identify the contents of the Reader's Letter; (3) Classifying language errors according to PUEBI (General Guidelines for Indonesian Spelling) which includes errors in the use of capital letters, errors in writing words, and errors in the use of punctuation; (4) Presenting the data obtained in tabular form so that it can be presented as a reference in describing further data and (5) Summarizing the data that has been grouped in tables to obtain conclusions. The data analysis technique used in this research is a descriptive technique by creating a picture which is done by (1) data reduction or simplification (data reduction), (2) exposure/presentation of data (data display), and (3) drawing conclusions.

## Results and Discussion

The results obtained from the analysis of language errors in the 2023 Edition of the Hidayatullah Magazine Reader's Letter are in the form of language errors such as spelling errors, capital letter placement errors, and errors in language syntactic order.

**a) Analysis of Reader Letters from the January Edition of Hidayatullah Magazine.**

1) In the first paragraph the word "Until" appears in the middle of the sentence, which in the language order should not appear in capital letters in the middle of a sentence except for certain words that are allowed. The correct sentence correction is "remain maintained? "Until now, how come the column hasn't appeared yet?"

2) In the second paragraph the word "two" appears in the middle of the paragraph which should use number form. In the language order, it is explained that when writing, if we use numbers from the first paragraph, then until the final paragraph we must also use numbers (Consistent).

3) In the second paragraph the sentence appears "Unfortunately 4 of our friends have stopped". In this sentence an error appears in the punctuation order. There should be a ";" after the word "Honey." So the correct sentence correction is "Honey, 4 of our friends have quit".

4) In the third paragraph the words "In-syaAllah" appear. In this word there is a spelling error in the sentence. In the KBBI the correct word is "InsyaAllah". So the correct sentence is "God willing, this will be one of the most important considerations for the editorial team".

5) In the third paragraph the words "pearls of the Koran" appear, which is an error in the placement of capital letters. To mention a product, a capital letter is used at the beginning of the word, whether at the beginning of a sentence or in the middle of a sentence. So the correction to the correct sentence is "can't it be possible to bring up the Pearls of the Qur'an and Hadith again? Astaghfirullah."

**b) Analysis of Reader Letters from the February Edition of Hidayatullah Magazine.**

1) In the first paragraph the word "Opinion" appears in the middle of the paragraph. In this sentence, there is an error in placing capital letters because the capital letters appear in the middle of the sentence. Because the sentence does not show the name of the opinion, it should be used in lower case. The correct sentence correction is "After reading the February edition of the opinion column".

2) In the first paragraph there is an incorrect spelling of the name. A period is used if a name is abbreviated. The wrong word is "Dr. Slamet Muliono R" while the correct use of the word is "Dr. Slamet Muliono. R."

3) In the third paragraph the sentence "The Creator and Ruler" appears, which should not be capitalized at the beginning because this word is not a greeting. The correct sentence is "the creator and organizer"

4) In the fifth paragraph there are the words "Western influence". This is an error in placing capital letters. The word "West" here is not used as a direction, but only as a figurative word, so there is no need to use a capital letter at the beginning. The correct word is "western influence".

5) In the eighth paragraph there is the word "No". In the KBBI, this word is a non-standard form of the word and is not listed in the KBBI. The correct word is "No".

### **c) Analysis of Reader Letters from the April Edition of Hidayatullah Magazine.**

1) In the third paragraph there is the word "responsibility". In KBBI, the correct order of the word responsibility is to use spaces. So the correct sentence is "neglecting his responsibilities towards his family".

2) In the fifth paragraph there is a fragment of the sentence "aqidah to sharia". In this sentence there is an error in the use of capital letters. The words "aqidah" and "syariah" are names of science, so the writing order uses capital letters at the beginning. The correct writing is "starting from Aqidah to Sharia".

### **d) Analysis of Reader Letters from the May Edition of Hidayatullah Magazine.**

1) This May, the name of the magazine or product in the author's order should be written in italics. The correct authorship is "Voice of Hidayatullah".

2) In the seventh paragraph there is the word "al-Qur'an" which is a holy book in Muslims. According to authorship rules, holy books are written using capital letters at the beginning. So the correct authorship is "Al-Qur'an".

**e) Analysis of Reader Letters from the June Edition of Hidayatullah Magazine.**

1) In the fifth paragraph there is a foreign language which should be written in italics in the rules. The word website was adopted from English, so the correct writing is "website".

2) In the last paragraph there is the word "spiritual". According to the KBBI, this word is a non-standard word. The standard word is "spiritual".

**f) Analysis of Reader Letters from the September Edition of Hidayatullah Magazine.**

1) In the fifth paragraph there is the word "where" which according to authorship is a fragment error. The word where is meant does not indicate a place, so the correct writing is "where".

**g) Analysis of Reader Letters from the October Edition of Hidayatullah Magazine**

In the research entitled "Analysis of Language Errors in Reader Letters of the 2023 Edition of Hidayatullah Magazine," researchers have carried out an analysis of the October issue of Hidayatullah Magazine 2023 with the aim of identifying and analyzing language errors contained in readers' letters published in that edition. However, after careful examination, researchers did not find any significant language errors in the readers' letters published in the October 2023 edition of Hidayatullah Magazine. This shows that language errors in readers' letters in this edition can be said to be minimal or non-existent.

**h) Analysis of Reader Letters from the December Edition of Hidayatullah Magazine.**

1). In the third paragraph there is the word "al-Qur'an" which is a holy book in Muslims. According to authorship rules, holy books are written using capital letters at the beginning. So the correct authorship is "Al-Qur'an"

## Conclusion

Based on the existing results, it can be concluded that there are 18 language errors in the 2023 edition of the Hidayatullah Magazine reader's letter. These errors include errors in syntax, placement errors in capital letters, errors in meaning, and also errors in breaking up a word. Please note that in the 2023 edition of Hidayatullah Magazine, there is a note that in March and November there were no readers' letters published. In other months, Hidayatullah Magazine regularly publishes readers' letters which serve as a medium for readers to share their views, experiences and thoughts. However, in March and November, no readers' letters appeared in the magazine. This may be due to various factors such as the number of readers' letters received in those months, editorial decisions, or other factors that influence the selection of content published in the magazine. Even though no readers' letters were published during these months, Hidayatullah Magazine remained a valuable source of information for readers with other content presented in these editions.

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