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- I do the very best I can, to look upon life with optimism, hope, and look forward to a better day (Rosa Parks).
- In the bad times, choose to grow stronger. In the good times, choose to enjoy fully. In all times, choose to be GRATEFUL! (anonymous).
- Life is good when you know how to live it well. Change your perspective! Enjoy the life you have! You don't live twice (anonymous).

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ABSTRACT

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Letter is one kind of text. Exchanging letters is like carrying on a conversation although did not directly meet face to face each other. So, it is necessary for the writers of letters to make good thematic development in their letter texts in order to the other reader understand well about the content of the letter texts that have been wrote.

The objective of this research is to describe and find out what thematic development is mostly used in the letters on Reader’s Forum of Jakarta Post newspaper published in February 2013.

To get the objective of the research, I conduct qualitative descriptive research. The data of the research is the thematic development of letters on Reader’s Forum of Jakarta Post newspaper published in February 2013. Thematic development is gotten by analyzing the theme and rheme. I choose eight letter texts randomly on Reader’s Forum of Jakarta Post newspaper published in February 2013 to be analyzed the thematic development. Then, I analyzed the data by using a model brought Martin, et.al (1997).

According to the analysis, the result shows that the most frequent theme is zigzag theme, it is 16. Then re-iterate theme 2, blending between those thematic development brought by Eggins (1994) is 4, and 3 has no thematic development. It means that the reader of Jakarta Post newspaper chooses zigzag theme to write their letter a letter needs simple and clear thematic development, so that the other reader can understand about the message that they are going to tell about in the texts easily.

Therefore, from now the lecturers can apply theme and rheme patterning in classrooms to diagnosis students’ weaknesses in writing. After we know the weaknesses, we can concern more the difficulties and give more practices. So, they learn and comprehend well how to make a qualified text. The readers of Jakarta Post newspaper should be aware about the quality of text. They can use thematic development while writing to make the effectiveness of the text itself, is it proper to publish or not in Reader’s Forum of Jakarta Post newspaper.
ABSTRAK


Kata-kata kunci: pengembangan tematik, tema rema, surat

Surat adalah salah satu jenis teks. Saling berkirim surat seperti bercakap-cakap meskipun tidak secara langsung bertatap muka satu sama lain. Jadi, perlu bagi para penulis surat untuk membuat pengembangan tematik yang baik dalam teks surat mereka agar pembaca lain memahami dengan baik tentang isi teks surat yang telah ditulis.

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menggambarkan dan mencari tahu apa pengembangan tematik yang banyak digunakan dalam surat-surat di Forum Pembaca koran Jakarta Post yang diterbitkan pada bulan Februari 2013.


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