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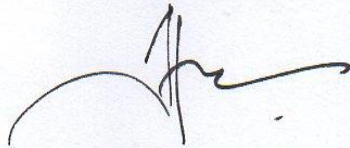
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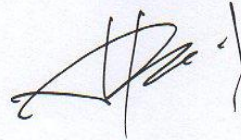
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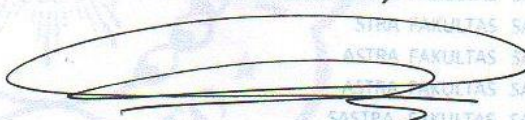
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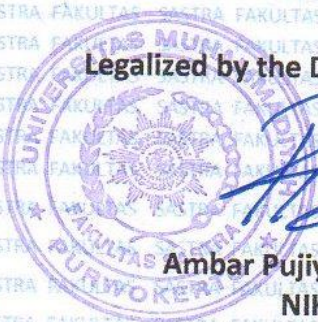
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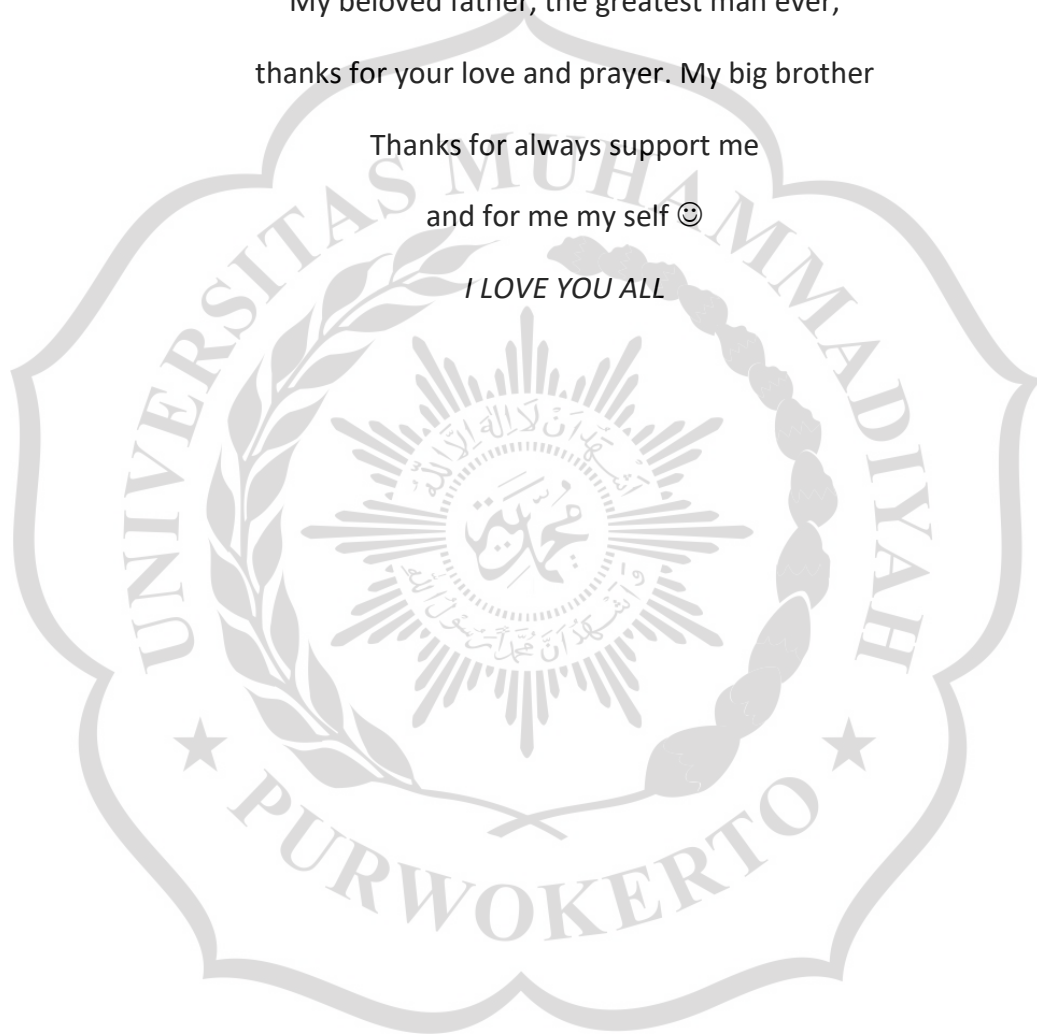
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This article is aimed to know the understanding and responses of the autist persons. This employed a descriptive qualitative method to investigate the level of understanding of the autists on different types of speech acts. The subjects are a real person and a character of an autist in a movie. The data are the verbal and non-verbal responses of the autists. The analysis was done using speech act and their response theory. Based on the analysis, the speech acts made by the interlocutors are directive, representative, expressive and commissive. It is proved that the autist subjects can understand well all the types of the speech acts made by the first persons. The responses made by the autist persons include expressing, offering, disagreeing, giving information, requesting, convincing, asking, ordering, forcing, sulking, accepting, imitating, refusing, agreeing, confusing, and obeying, but there are some unclear responses. In terms of their reaction, both subjects could understand most speeches from other of other people. There are some occasions in which they failed to understand if the speakers talk too fast. It is difficult for them to understand a joke. They also couldn't understand the situation like the emotional state of others or the real situation before them.

Keywords: *understanding, response, autism, speech acts, communication.*

INTISARI

Lestari, Siska Putri 1509010007. 2019: *Pemahaman dan Tanggapan Kemampuan Autis: Psikolinguistik Analisis*. Skripsi untuk memenuhi gelar Sarjana Sastra, Sastra Inggris, Fakultas Sastra, Universitas Muhammadiyah Purwokerto.

Artikel ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui pemahaman dan tanggapan orang autis. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif untuk menyelidiki tingkat pemahaman autis pada berbagai jenis tindak tutur. Subyek dari penelitian ini adalah orang autis sungguhan dan karakter autis dalam sebuah film. Analisis ini dilakukan dengan menggunakan tindak tutur dan teori respons mereka. Data adalah tanggapan verbal dan non-verbal dari autis. Berdasarkan analisis, tindak tutur yang dilakukan oleh lawan bicara bersifat direktif, representatif, ekspresif dan komisif. Terbukti bahwa subjek autis dapat memahami dengan baik semua jenis tindak tutur yang dilakukan oleh orang pertama. Tanggapan yang dibuat oleh orang autis termasuk mengekspresikan, menawarkan, tidak setuju, memberikan informasi, meminta, meyakinkan, bertanya, memesan, memaksa, merajuk, menerima, meniru, menolak, menyetujui, membingungkan, dan mematuhi, tetapi ada beberapa tanggapan yang tidak jelas. . Dalam hal reaksi mereka, kedua subjek dapat memahami sebagian besar pembicaraan dari orang lain. Ada beberapa pembicaraan dimana mereka gagal memahami jika pembicara berbicara terlalu cepat. Sulit bagi mereka untuk memahami lelucon. Mereka juga tidak dapat memahami situasi seperti keadaan emosi orang lain atau situasi nyata sebelum mereka.

Kata Kunci: *pemahaman, tanggapan, autisme, tindak tutur, komunikasi.*

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