

Deictic Expressions in Selected Football Commentaries

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Abstract : There is no society without language. In football, language serves as a tool for communication. The football language and meaning of activities are largely revealed through the utterances of football commentators. The linguistic subfield of pragmatics is related to the study of meaning. Pragmatics shows that the interpretation of utterances not only depends on linguistic knowledge but also depends on knowledge about the context of the utterance, knowledge about the status of those involved such as the intent of the speaker, the place, and time of the utterance. Pragmatics analysis comes in several forms and one of such is Deixis. In football commentating, commentators often use deictic expressions in building utterances. The researcher intends to analyse deixis contained in three selected football commentaries through the use of Levinson's deixis theory. This research is a qualitative study with content analysis as its method. This is because this study focuses on deictic expressions in football commentaries. The data of this study are utterances from English commentaries from 2016 El Clasico match between Barcelona and Real Madrid, 2018 FIFA World Cup: Portugal vs Spain and 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifier: Ghana v Nigeria. The result of the study reveals that there are five kinds of deixis which are person deixis (divided into three: the first person, the second person and the third person), place deixis, time deixis, discourse deixis and social deixis.

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