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The study is aimed at investigating the illocutionary acts of Sara Fitzgerald speech in 'My Sister's Keeper' novel (MSK), which shows defence mechanism in the face of reports of allegations of medical coercion against Anna Fitzgerald. There are two problems to be solved in this study, namely: (1) What are illocutionary acts that reflected Sara's defense mechanism, and (2) How does Sara use the defense mechanism as reflected on the illocutionary acts?

This study uses a qualitative approach in relation to the use of a clear and systematic description of the phenomena being studied. A descriptive study in textual analysis was applied in this study to analyze the conversation of Sara Fitzgerald's characters through the narration and dialogue of MSK novel. The data were collected by reading the narration and dialogue in 'MSK' novel. The narration and dialogue were then analyzed by identifying the types of illocutionary acts by applying suitable codes in the appropriate text. The analysis was continued by identifying the illocutionary speech acts by the Sara characters in the novel. Finally, reasons why defence mechanism form was identified by looking at the context and content of the plot and setting in the novel.

This study reveals that illocutionary acts (assertive, directive, and commissive) are applied by Sara in the novel when she faces a situation that makes her anxious. The use of illocutionary acts indirectly reflects a form of defence mechanism to deal with anxiety. She applied it because she wanted to defend herself from accusations that she thought were untrue and to save Kate from her illness. Moreover, she emphasized the defense mechanism of rationalization to get tolerance from the lawyer and judge. She applied the rationalization defence by including reasons that she deemed rational so that the report would be proven untrue and socially acceptable and she would be saved from the accusation of medical coercion. As the most influential person, Sara's character tends to apply self-interested defense mechanisms.

Keywords: speech acts, illocutionary acts, defence mechanism, My Sister's Keeper

ABSTRAK

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menyelidiki tindak ilokusi dalam ujaran Sara Fitzgerald dalam novel 'My Sister's Keeper' (MSK) yang menunjukkan mekanisme pembelaan diri dalam menghadapi laporan tuduhan pemaksaan medis terhadap Anna Fitzgerald. Ada dua masalah yang ingin dipecahkan dalam penelitian ini, yaitu: (1) Apa saja tindak ilokusi yang merefleksikan mekanisme pembelaan tokoh Sara dan (2) Bagaimana Sara menggunakan mekanisme pertahanan sebagaimana yang terefleksikan dalam tindak ilokusi?

Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif yang berkaitan dengan penggunaan deskripsi yang jelas dan sistematis mengenai fenomena yang diteliti. Studi deskriptif dalam analisis tekstual digunakan dalam penelitian ini untuk menganalisis percakapan karakter Sara Fitzgerald melalui narasi dan dialog dalam novel MSK. Data dikumpulkan dengan cara membaca narasi dan dialog dalam novel MSK. Narasi dan dialog tersebut kemudian dianalisis dengan mengidentifikasi jenis-jenis tindak ilokusi dengan menerapkan kode-kode yang sesuai dalam teks. Analisis dilanjutkan dengan mengidentifikasi tindak tutur ilokusi oleh karakter Sara dalam novel tersebut. Terakhir, alasan mengapa mekanisme pertahanan terbentuk dan diidentifikasi dengan melihat konteks dan konten pada plot dan latar dalam novel.

Penelitian ini mengungkapkan bahwa tindak ilokusi (asertif, direktif, dan komisif) digunakan oleh Sara dalam novel ketika ia menghadapi situasi yang membuatnya cemas. Dari penggunaan tindak ilokusi tersebut, secara tidak langsung mencerminkan suatu bentuk mekanisme pertahanan untuk menghadapi kecemasan. Ia menerapkannya karena ia ingin membela diri dari tuduhan yang menurutnya tidak benar, dan untuk menyelamatkan Kate dari penyakitnya. Selain itu, ia menekankan mekanisme pertahanan rasionalisasi untuk mendapatkan toleransi dari pengacara dan hakim. Ia menerapkan pembelaan rasionalisasi dengan menyertakan alasan-alasan yang dianggapnya rasional sehingga laporan tersebut terbukti tidak benar, dapat diterima secara sosial, dan ia akan diselamatkan dari tuduhan pemaksaan medis. Sebagai orang yang paling berpengaruh, karakter Sara cenderung menerapkan mekanisme pembelaan diri untuk kepentingan sendiri.

Kata Kunci: tindak tutur, tindak ilokusi, mekanisme pembelaan, *Penjaga Adikku*

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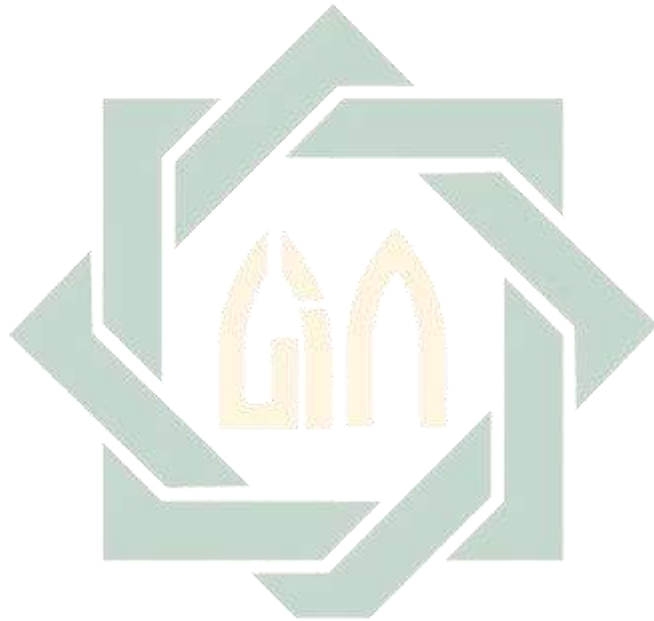
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