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EXPLORING TEXTUAL FUNCTION REALIZATION IN CORRUPTION COURTROOM DISCOURSE

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ABSTRACT

This study deals with exploring the use of textual function in corruption courtroom discourse realized by Theme-Rheme structure in a clause uttered by judge, prosecutors, witness, and defender. Qualitative method was employed as the research design. The data were in the form of clauses gained from corruption courtroom discourse in Medan district court, Indonesia. The findings reveal that marked and unmarked themes were realized in the data. It is concluded that the sensitivity in choosing the markedness of theme is significant to be noted by judge, prosecutors, and others involved in the courtroom discourse since the creativity in conveying the utterances could be used to hide and blur the meaning.

Keywords: textual function, Theme-Rheme, markedness

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