ABSTRACT

The research entitled **The Ambiguity of Genitive *of-construction* (A Study of Semantics)** is conducted based on the assumption that the genitive *of-construction* is hard to interpret. Then, it causes the ambiguity. Thus, this research is purposed to find out the meanings resulted from the ambiguity of genitive *of-construction*, the propositions encoded from the ambiguity of genitive *of-construction*, and the implicit case and state roles involved in the ambiguity of genitive *of-construction*. In this research, the data were collected from several data sources, such as Wuthering Heights, Northanger Abbey, The Complete Sherlock Holmes, Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn, Sense and Sensibility, Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows, and Prisoner of Azkaban.

The method used in this research is analytic descriptive method, conducted by describing and analyzing the data. The descriptive method is focused on the description of ambiguity of genitive *of-construction*. Meanwhile, the analytic method is focused on the analysis of the semantic structure indicating the ambiguity of genitive *of-construction*.

As the result of the research, there were 3 classifications emerge; first, Genitive *of-constructions* encode Event propositions which were marked by implicit Agent or Action; implicit Agent or Affected; implicit Agent or Action or Beneficiary; implicit Agent or Beneficiary. Second, Genitive *of-constructions* encode State Propositions which were marked by implicit Agent or Action. Third, Genitive *of-constructions* encode Event and State Propositions which were marked by implicit Agent or Action; implicit Agent or Action or Comment; implicit Agent or Action or Comment or Beneficiary; implicit Agent or Comment; implicit Agent or Affected or Comment. The analysis proved that the genitive *of-construction* could be ambiguous since there were some case and state roles which were left implicit. In addition, it could also be ambiguous in sentence since there were no words, phrases, or clauses which gave more information about genitive of-construction

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