ABSTRACT

Preposition *in* generates the most variety of meaning than other prepositions. In order to determine the indication of meaning of preposition *in*, this research, introduces the way how *in construction* produces a variety of indications of meaning. Underlined the syntax, the indefinite pronoun *someone* is involved in this research to limits the noun proceeding *in construction.*

The source is *in construction* following the indefinite pronoun someone as the data examined from the American Corpus COCA created by Mark Davis in 2008; the largest freely available corpus of English, and the only large and balanced corpus of American English.

In analyzing the data, this research uses descriptive analysis method which is divided into two analyses; syntactic and semantic analysis. The syntactic analysis is intended to examine what are the *in construction* following the word someone whereas the semantic analysis is intended to examine what are the meaning properties contained in the *in construction*.

Based on the analyses, it is obtained that there are four indications which are generated by *in construction* such as location, condition, using, and a part of. Those four indications are obtained by analyzing the sharing meaning between the preposition *in* and the noun which follows. As for recommendation, this research may serve as initial analysis applies for other preposition on and at.

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