

# THEMATIC PROGRESSION IN JAKARTA POST AND 'KOMPAS' NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON TEXT COHERENCE STRATEGY

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## ABSTRACT:

*This research objective are analyze the common pattern in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials. The research method used was a mixed method. The research instrument is checklist. The procedure classifies all objects (10 texts Jakarta Post newspaper editorials and 10 texts 'Kompas' newspaper editorials) on the thematic progression patterns are checklist. The result shows that the thematic progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials are found 3 patterns of thematic progression; 10 texts derived theme; 8 texts Constant progression, and 2 text linear progression. The different on thematic progression in Jakarta post and "Kompas' newspaper editorials is difference, the difference of sequence in the patterns between Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials. The Conclusion Thematic Progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials are derived theme and Constant progression.*

**Keywords:** *Thematic Progression, Jakarta Post, 'Kompas', Editorials, Checklist*

*Abstrak: Tujuan penelitian ini adalah menganalisis pola umum di Jakarta Post dan editorial surat kabar 'Kompas'. Metode penelitian yang digunakan adalah metode campuran. Instrumen penelitian ini adalah ceklist. Prosedur penelitian mengklasifikasikan semua objek (10 teks tajuk rencana di koran Jakarta Post dan 10 teks tajuk rencana di koran 'Kompas'). Pada pola perkembangan tematik adalah daftar ceklist. Hasilnya menunjukkan bahwa tema dalam Tajuk rencana di koran Jakarta*

*Post dan 'Kompas' ditemukan 3 pola perkembangan tematik; 10 teks berdasarkan tema, 8 teks Perkembangan konstan, dan 2 tek perkembangan linier. Perbedaan antara tajuk rencana di koran Jakarta dan 'Kompas' ada perbedaan, perbedaannya itu ada pada urutan pola antara tajuk rencana di koran Jakarta Post dan 'Kompas'. Kesimpulan pengembangan Tematik tajuk rencana di koran Jakarta Post dan 'Kompas' adalah berasal dari tema dan perkembangan Konstan.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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1. What are the common pattern of Thematic Progression in Jakarta Post newspaper editorials?
2. What are the common pattern of Thematic Progression in 'Kompas' newspaper editorials?
3. What are the different (if available) between the thematic progression pattern in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials?

## METHOD

**This** research was genre-based study can be categories as mix method study. The main objective of this study was Thematic progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials. Therefore, in order to gain the objective, the current study employed Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials based on the research method with pattern-based approach.

The data of this study were taken from 20 texts newspaper editorial (10 texts Jakarta Post and 10 texts 'Kompas' newspaper editorials). That was quite understandable since the practice done so far, as interest to read newspaper editorials, The editorials language was usually formal as they directed at a reading public who is already informal about current events but who wishes to read about the wider

implications of events in news. The various formality of the language, however, from a large newspaper to a small provincial newspaper. More importantly, the language of editorials is *persuasive*. Therefore, it dragged the writer to employ only Thematic Progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials. study were summarized in Table 3.1 below.

**Table 1. The distribution of the newspaper editorials**

No	Newspaper	Code	F	%
1.	Jakarta Post	JP	10	50
2.	'Kompas'	K	10	50
Total			20	100

As indicated in table 1 the convenient samples 20 texts newspapers editorials were selected. Ten were from Jakarta Post and ten were from 'Kompas'. The distribution of the newspaper editorials, as presented in table 3.1. Represents the distribution of Thematic Progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials and selected based on purposive sampling technique. Only the Thematic Progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials.

The newspaper editorials were randomly obtained through the writer's consent and taken from Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspapers in Indonesia. The decision about the number of 20 editorials included Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials. The minimum requirement for number of text to be included in a quantitative analysis was 20 texts. In addition, another reason for selecting 20 newspaper editorials was also made based on the assumption that this present study on only editorials, so that the number of 20 texts newspaper editorial.

The research object was the text appeared in the Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' Newspaper Editorials. The research was common pattern Thematic progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' Newspaper Editorials. The Total object of reading texts taken from 10 texts in Jakarta Post and 10 texts from 'Kompas' newspaper editorials. The Total object were 20 Texts.

The sequence of the research procedures will be followed: First Collect the texts in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials. Second Give the code and number at Editorials in each text. Third, Find theme and rheme in reading text as the object on analysing. The data were Jakarta Post 10 texts and 'Kompas' 10 texts in Newspaper Editorials, so Total were 20 Texts. Fourth Marked Thematic Progression (Theme and Rheme) all texts in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials. Fifth Identify the text based pattern Thematic Progression of the text and classified the text as Pattern taken the common pattern. Sixth Checklist the of the all object ( 20 Texts ) based the patterns

thematic progression in table instrument. Seventh Analyze the all object, so that the data was comparison research and co-research common pattern thematic progression in Jakarta Post n 'Kompas' Newspaper Editorials.

Since this study concerns three genres analysis, the research was employ a checklist contain newspaper editorials as the main instrument in analyzing the data. The newspaper editorials employed for analyzing the text sections of the thematic progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' Newspaper editorials of patterns was draw or pattern from Danes (1974).

The instrument in this research was checklist the table instrument after the text finish Marked Thematic Progression (Theme and Rheme) in the text continue the 20 texts with instrument checklist. The research draw a table containing the texts, and based the pattern of the texts which will analyzed by research and co-research. Co-research was Eka Puspita. She was the college student S2 Bahasa Inggris UNIB.

**Table 2. Checklist/Instrument of Text Thematic Progression in Newspaper Editorial**

Patterns	Representative Keywords	Editorials																			
		Jakarta Post										Kompas									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Linear Progression	1a. Theme relates to the Rheme of the preceding utterance, and in other words, the Rheme portion of each sentence 1b. Occur frequency in expository and argumentative texts																				
2. Derived Theme	2a. The topic of each sentence are individually different, but are all derived from the same 2b. Hypertheme or overall theme of a paragraph or text as illustrated																				
3. Constant progression	3a. The Same theme appears in a series of utterance 3b. Involves the following relevant relations																				

(Danes 1974)

In this research, the data was collected by using documentation. According to Arikunto (1998), documentation method collects the data about variable from newspaper, note, book, magazine, etc. The documentation is the 10 texts in Jakarta Post and 10 texts in Kompas editorials. In collecting the data, the researcher used co-researcher to avoid faultiness, and doubtless. (Hopkin, 1993) suggested that the researcher can use partnership or collaborative observation which is particularly relevant. He also said that partner must be somebody with whom the researcher can work comfortably. The researcher used co-researcher who has an experience about the subject being investigated. The research and co-research first filling the marked appropriate with the procedures.

Each of reading text was to get the general meaning or impression of content. After then, each reading was analyzed by marking the pattern classified as Theme and Rheme text which appeared in the Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials. All the marked were collected and tabulated according to the giving concept.

The comparison between two research and co-research analyzed by using reliability technique. To see whether the checklist was reliable or not, research used inter rater reliability. Weir (1993) said that inter rater reliability refers to the degree is similarity between different examiner. It is often that work marked independently by two different markers, with their being averaged. This reliability measured a correlation coefficient.

In this research the technique for Analyzing data: Certify the keyword of each pattern Linear

Progression, Derived Theme and Constant Progression, the results of identification in the cumulative or summing based on the progression pattern, Rejection based the pattern Linear Progression, Derived Theme and Constant progression, Identify and calculate the most frequently used patterns in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' Newspaper editorials, Finding/identifying the difference of progression

pattern between text in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas'.

To achieve the reliability of data analysis, this study employed data triangulation analysis in which inter-rater reliability analysis was concluded. This to ensure the reliability of the textual analysis where all of these texts were all the texts chosen from the newspaper editorial and analyzed by an expert as an independent rater, so that different individuals can identify the boundry of communicative pattern at a sufficiently high level  
The co-research was trained who to code the text into its possible communicative pattern with the use of research instrument as previously explained in order to assure that the co-research clearly understood how to code the Newspaper Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' section. Then, the co-research was asked to identify the possible moves selected

newspaper and if any miscodingart occurredthen a discussion, negotiation and clarification will be held in order to reach an agreement between the research and co-research. Last, the co-research was work independently it codeall texts. The 10 texts Jakarta Post and 10 texts 'Kompas' the Total 20 Texts.

Then she was trained to identify thematic progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorial in marked theme and Rheme in text newspaper editorial and concluded by pattern Thematic Progression taken thecommon based the pattern after then using the checklist based on pattern by Danes (1974). The co-research was given 20 texts Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials selected from 20 of texts Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials. She classified all text based pattern Thematic Progression using the checklist based on Danes (1974). Finally, the result of inter rater/coder analysis as cited in Kanoksilapatham (2005) to ensure correspondence in the identification of pattern. The percent agrrement was calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{A}{(A+D)} \times 100\%$$

Where:

A = the number of agreements

D = the number of disagreements (Dobahkti, 2011)

To know the data strengt agrreement, the scale value is formulated as follow:

**Table 3. Interpretation of Cohen's Kappa**

Value of Kappa	Level of Agreement	% Data that are Reliable
0 - 20	None	0 - 4 %
21 - 39	Poor	3 - 15%
40 - 59	Fair	15 - 35 %
60 - 74	Good	35 - 63 %
75 - 90	Excellent	64 - 81%
Above 90	Almost Perfect	82 - 100%

Through this calculation, the correlation between the research and co-research coding for each text newspaper editorial. The coefficient analysis of Cohen's Kappa as cited in Kanoksilapatham (2005) was presented in figure 3.3. it was where the Cohen's Kappa has an upper limit of 1.00 and a lower limit of 0.00 (Brown, 1996). The rules for the interpretation of Cohen's Kappa are summarized as follows: less than 0.40 is poor, 0.40 – 0.59 is fair, 0.60 – 0.74 is good, and more than 0.75 is excellent (Kanoksilapatham (2005)).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

There were 20 texts newspaper editorials these analyzed in this study. Ten were selected from Jakarta Post (JP) and ten were 'Kompas' (K) newspaper editorials. To measure the reliability of the textual analysis, this study employed data triangulation analysis. As shown in table 4. The result of the inter-coder reliability analysis showed 95% agreement between research and co-research. It indicated that there was a high agreement between research and co-research which implies that the reliability of the result can be accepted.

**Table 4. The result difference of research and co-research reliability analysis**

No	Pattern	Total Text	Agreed Analysis	Cohen's Kappa	Percentage
1.	Linear Progression	20	2 texts	.10	10%
2.	Derived Theme	20	10 texts	.50	50%
3.	Constant progression	20	7 texts	.35	35%
Total			19 texts	.95	95%

From table 4 above there are results research and co-research reliability analysis Thematic Progression in Jakarta Post newspaper editorials. First, common pattern is Derived Theme 10 texts (50%). Second, common is Constant Progression 7 texts (35%) and third, common pattern is Linear progression 2 texts (10%). The totals agreed analysis research and co-research were reached (95%) covering 19 texts. It meant the reliability result was high and accepted.

The first analysis in this study is focused on occurrence possible of Thematic Progression in Jakarta Post newspaper editorials. The data analysis results revealed that the Thematic Progression as are presented in table 5 below:

**Table 5. Thematic Progression in Jakarta Post newspaper editorials**

No	Pattern	Frequency	Percentage
1.	Constant progression	5 texts	50 %
2.	Derived Theme	4 texts	40 %
3.	Linear Progression	1 text	10 %
Total		10 Texts	100 %

As can be noticed in Table 5. The common pattern of thematic progression in Jakarta Post newspaper editorials was Constant progression. It meant the Constant Progression was reached (50%) covering 5 texts. Constant Progression result was high and accepted from the other pattern.

The second analysis in this study is on identifying which common pattern of Thematic Progression in 'Kompas' newspaper editorials are Constant progression, Derived Theme, and Linear The results are presented in table 6 below:

**Table 6. Thematic Progression in 'Kompas' newspaper editorials**

No	Pattern	Frequency	Percentage
1.	Derived Theme	6 texts	60 %
2.	Constant progression	3 texts	30 %
3.	Linear Progression	1 text	10 %
Total		10 texts	100 %

As can be noticed in Table 6. The Common pattern of thematic progression in 'Kompas' newspaper editorials are Derived Theme were reached (60%) covering 6 texts. It meant more than half occur the pattern Derived Theme the frequency 60%.

The common Pattern of the Thematic Progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper editorials: Ten Texts Jakarta Post and Ten texts 'Kompas' newspaper editorials in different texts of authors have been analyzed in this

research, There are three possible pattern of review Jakarta Post newspaper editorials, there are pattern: 1) Linear Progression, 2) Derived Theme, 3) Constant Progression. The analysis results are show in Table 7 below.

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1.	Derived Theme	4 texts	6 texts	10	50
2.	Constant Progression	5 texts	3 texts	8	40
3.	Linear Progression	1 text	1 text	2	10
Total		10 texts	10 texts	20	100

In Table 7. There were some sholarship between Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' newspaper in using thematic progression. Such as both of them use use three types of thematic progression, for example. Derived Theme, Constant Progression and Linear Progression. Both of them used Derived Theme on general implantation on writing the news for their media.

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## **CONCLUSION AND SUGESTION**

Since this research concern in investigating the pattern in thematic progression, Thematic Progression in Jakarta Post and 'Kompas' Newspaper Editorials. the out put of this research was conclude the most frequent pattern of text in the neswpapers. Based on the finding of thematic progression analysis. Several conclusions could be draw pattern from this study. In term of the thematic system, it was found that two patterns of thematic progression are employed in newspaper editorials. First, common pattern of

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## ***SUGGESTION***

Based on the finding and the conclusions, the research would like to contribute some suggestions:

1. For the teachers. It can be reference for teaching mainly in application of language element about thematic progression. It is as implication of the theories to practice in using thematic for mass media writing and reading as sampling for using it.
2. For the students. It is as example for using thematic progression in daily life. Students were more understand for its implantation clearly.

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