



GRAMMAR ERROR LEVELS IN ENGLISH FACEBOOK ALUMNI POSTING

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Abstract

Facebook is a sharing tool in the form of social networks. One way to share is by making a post or uploading a photo added by a caption. This study analyzes errors that often occur in Facebook posts by internet users who have a background in English or English Literature Education. Therefore, this study aims to describe the level of error especially in the field of the grammatical structure using the automatic grammar checker application. This research method uses descriptive qualitative research methods that explain the level of grammar errors in one's Facebook posts. The results of this study were 42 samples taken that 78.5% of posts in English on Facebook were still problematic in the grammatical structure.

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INTRODUCTION

Almost in every corner of human life depends on the sophistication of Technology. Technology has become a human need like primary, secondary and tertiary needs. It is undeniable that almost every part of human life is always found and enjoyed as a result of technological sophistication whose benefits felt in everyday life. Basically, the goal of the invention of technology is to help human work such as reducing the time in doing something or making it closer. One form of technology is in the field of communication.

If in the past someone wanted to communicate through a letter that took a long time to reach the intended party, technology has now created electronic mail or e-mail in the short time the message delivered directly into the intended e-mail inbox. When people used to want to communicate with telephone networks, technology has now created a small, lightweight, easy-to-carry device.



Social media is an online media where users can easily participate, share and create content including blogs, social networks or social networks, wikis, forums and the virtual world. Blogs, social networks and wikis are probably the most commonly used forms of social media by people throughout the world. Facebook users spend an average of three minutes online. Users 18 to 34 years spend online 8.5 hours online and 55 years and over spend 4.6 hours per week on Facebook. Based on the results of research, Asia is the biggest Facebook user, because it spends 39.6% per week of their internet time on Facebook. Whereas African Americans are the second largest user of 35.1% and the last is Hispanics which spends the least amount of time on Facebook at 31.7%. (Utami, 2012)(Mutia et al., 2016)

Human uses language by speaking and writing. Both of them have weaknesses. This weakness is called error. The error can be as punctuation, intonation that caused misunderstanding of language. (Kurniadi, 2017). The quality of the writing influenced by several factor such as the background of knowledge, environment, native language and others.(Muzdalifah, 2018) That is why it was found some errors in writing especially in social media (Erlinawati & Yuliana, 2017)

In a cell phone, there are many social media applications offered with various sophistication and uniqueness like Facebook, BBM, *Whatsup*, *We chat*, *Line*, etc. The sophistication of the birth of one form of technology is to get closer to friends, relatives, who have not met for a long time. Almost everyone never separated from this one thing, every time, every minute even every time it is always held and checked.

In learning a language, there rules that need to see so that the language applied can well understand by the user of the language itself. In English language subjects at school, generally, the rules of this language not so detail explain because the rules of the language integrated into the genre text that has set in the curriculum. Thus, errors in language are not very influential.

Many people assume that there is no wrong problem in the grammatical structure, as long as it is fluent in speaking. Whereas grammar is part of speaking.



Grammar is the way a language forms and combines word for word into a long arrangement and forms a unity of meaning. (Rini, 2014).

The component of grammar that can be standardization as *punctuation, Constituents' Agreement mistakes, Noun-verb agreement, Gender, number, case, person agreement, Noun-adjective agreement, Agreement in phrases (noun phrase, preposition phrases verb phrase), Clause level errors(Clausal constructions, agreement, linking, focus), Misplaced modifier, Vague pronominal reference, Inappropriate vocabulary choice(incorrect word sense), Lack of parallel structure(diversified structures under same theme), Sentence sprawl(sentence linking-semantic flow, elaboration vs. Summarization), Tense, Aspect, Modality agreement,and others.*(Hendriwanto & Sugeng, 2013)

Grammar is a language. EFL students that study the language are actually studying vocabulary, sentence patterns, expressions, how to pronounce the words and interpret the meanings which the result of this learning produces spoken and written the language. Incorrectly pronouncing the meaningful word misinterpretation of meaning means wrong communication. (Octaviani, 2017)

It can be indicated by those components of error in Automatic grammar checker: Grammarly first **Contextual Spelling**. Contextual Spelling consists of two sub indicators they are *Mispelled words, Misdialect of English, and Confused words*. The second indicator is **Grammar**. It consists of sub indicators such as *Determiner Use (a, an, the, this, etc), Faulty subject – Verb agreement, Incorrect Noun Number, and Wrong or Missing Preposition*. The third indicator is **Punctuation**. It consists of sub indicators such as *Comma Misuse within clause, Misuse of semicolons, question mark, Punctuation in Compound / complex sentence*.The next indicator is **Sentence Structure**. It consists of several sub indicators such as *Misplaced word or phrases and Incomplete sentences*. The two last indicators are *style (Wordy sentence and Improper formatting)* and **Vocabulary Enhancement** (O'Neill & Russell, 2019).

Table 1
Error Indicator

Indicator	Sub indicator
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Contextual Spelling	Mispelled words
	Missdialect of English
	Confused words
Grammar	Determier Use (a, an, the, this, etc
	Faulty subject – Verb agreement
	Incorrect Noun Number
	Wrong or Missing Preposition
Punctuation	Comma Misuse within clause
	Missuse of semicolons
	question mark
	Punctuation in Compoud / complex sentence
Sentence Strcture	Misplaced word or phrases
	Incomple sentences
Style	Wordy sentence
	Improper formating
Vocablary Enhancement	

Based on those indictaors this study examines the error that usually made in the facebook status of students and alumni of English. Therefore, the error analyzed through an application called Automatic grammar checker: Grammarly. Automatic grammar checker: Grammarly is a web application that can check the grammar and context of writing in English. This application developed by Alex Scevchenko and Max Lytvyn in 2008. The advantages possessed by Automatic grammar checker: Grammarly includes grammar checker, Proofreading, and plagiarism. (Pujiawati, 2018)

At this time technology has become a basic human need. One of the technologies that commonly enjoyed is social networking or social media that can connect others in cyberspace. Boyd & Elison explained that social networking an application in the form of a web created aims for internet users through a certain account to connect to each other or connect through a system. In addition, it can



explain that social media is a combination of applications that are connected online via the internet based on 2.0 technology. (Asmaya, 2015)

There are several social media that become a favorite of internet users. One of the most famous and widely used media is Facebook social media. The Facebook inventor named Mark Zuckerberg. He introduced the first Facebook social networking application on February 4, 2004, only for his college friends at Harvard University. The number of accounts on Facebook continues to increase. Therefore, the following year he opened a Facebook social network to be common to anyone who has an email account.

The aim of this research is to give an awareness to people who have background knowledge especially in English to be more careful in writing a posting in social media particularly in Facebook. There are some reasons of this awareness. Some of them that media social Facebook is online. It means everybody can see, can comment, and can evaluate the posting. In other words, what you write reflect your knowledge. The more error you made the less knowledge you show. The second aim is to combine the language and technology automatic grammar checker. By using automatic grammar checker can help someone before making a posting in Facebook.

METHODS

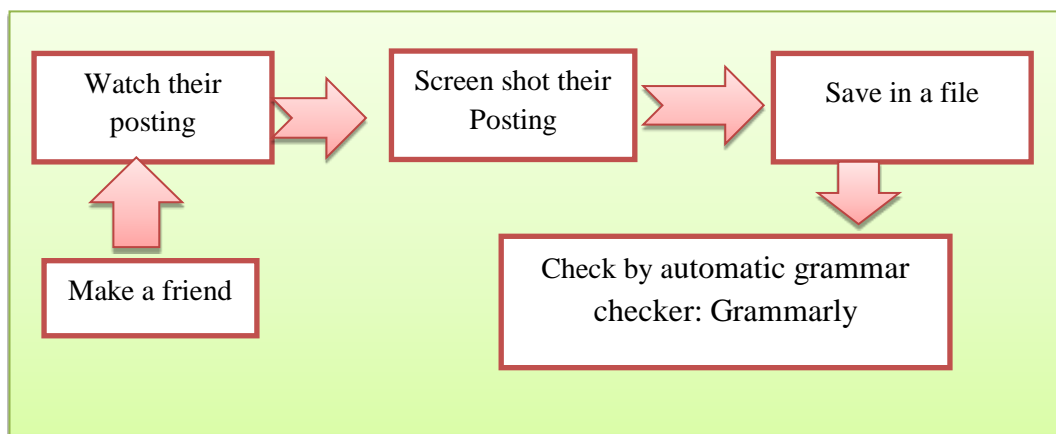
This research is a descriptive qualitative study that analyzes the phenomena or events that are occurring at a certain time. In this study, the focus on the use of applications on the smartphone in Facebook. This study is unique and interesting

. It is unique because it has no place or location. Instead, the research team skated in the virtual world of social networking in the internet world in retrieving research data. Therefore this research is located anywhere and anytime. The object of this research is, of course, Facebook friends of the research team from any English Language Department in Indonesia that does not limit anyone. As long as they have an English background knowledge. This study conducted was almost around 8 months



This research has arranged several stages which become research procedures in collecting data aimed at answering research questions while achieving the research question. The first is, of course, the research team makes friends with students and alumni English on social media Facebook. The next step is to follow the Facebook status that shared every day. After finding the posts in the screenshot and stored in a file, after a while; they would analyze into Automatic grammar checker: Grammarly. From the description below it is clear, the grammatical analysis is not done directly on Facebook. It requires several steps that must be passed to be able to analyze errors in English status. The research plan map detects grammar error rates in the alumni facebook status in English.

Figure 1. Research plan



FINDING AND DISCUSSION

The results of this study found 9 out of 42 posts of correct English alumni students on a grammatical structure. This means that 33 of the 42 posts or 78.5% of posts in English on Facebook still have problems with the grammatical. It can be analyzed by followig figure:

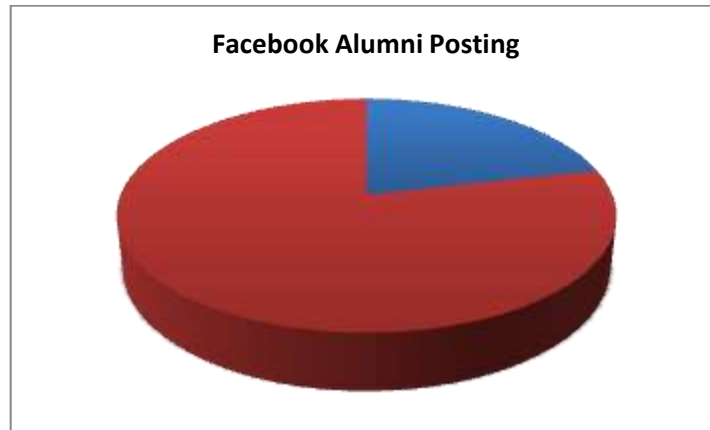
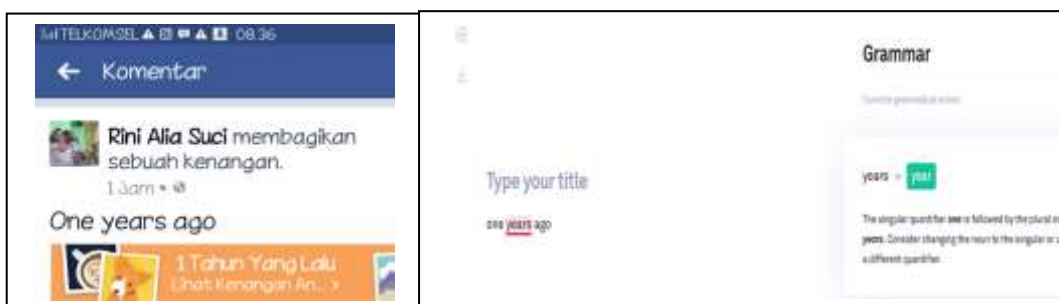


Figure 2
The percentage of error analysis in facebook

After collecting the data in facebook, this research combined 33 postings in facebook. However, in discussion only discuss ten samples from 33 postings. As the sample of the posting, the following data would show and analyzethe error of the posting and the discussion:

Sample 1

1	Rini Alia Suci	<i>One Years ago</i>	Incorrect Noun number
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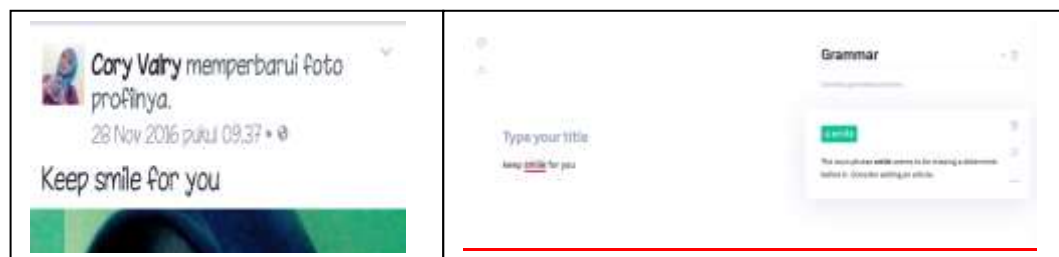
Sample 2

2	Wendi Simangunsong	<i>Focus to teaching</i>	Wrong or Missing Preposition
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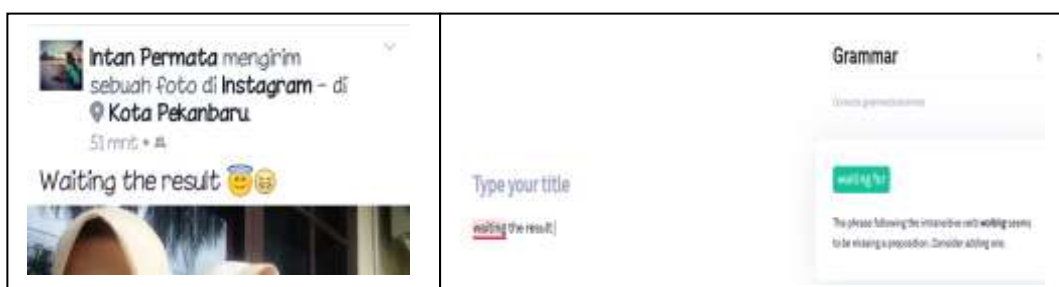
Sample 3

3	Cory Valry	<i>Keep smile for you</i>	Determier Use (a, an, the, this, etc
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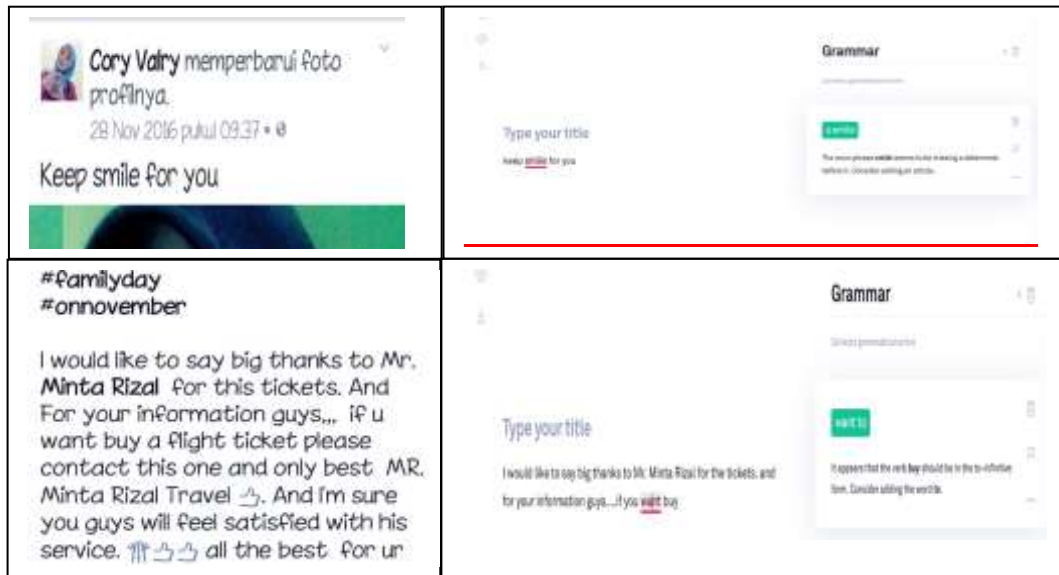
Sample 4

4	Intan Permata	<i>Waiting the result</i>	Wrong or missing Preposition
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Sample 5

5	Fauziah <i>Want buy</i>	Wrong or missing Preposition
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Sample 6

6	Lisa Maisari	<i>Life should be spirit</i>	Determiner Use (a, an, the, this, etc)
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Sample 7

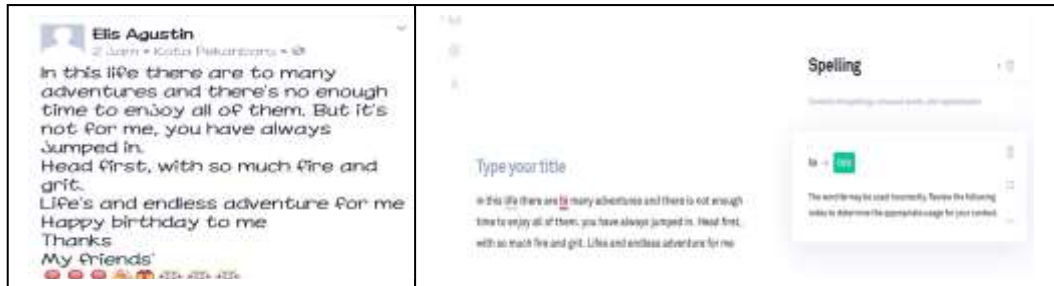
7	Lisa Maisari	<i>if you love women, don't shy to..</i>	Misspelled word
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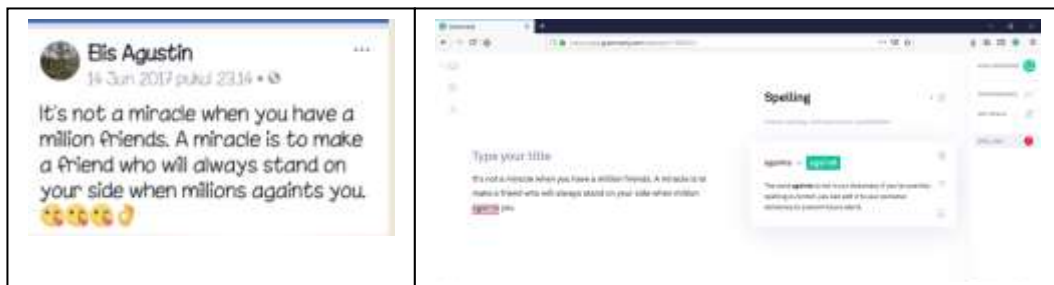
Sample 8

8	Elis Agustin	<i>In this life there are to many adventure</i>	Misspelled word
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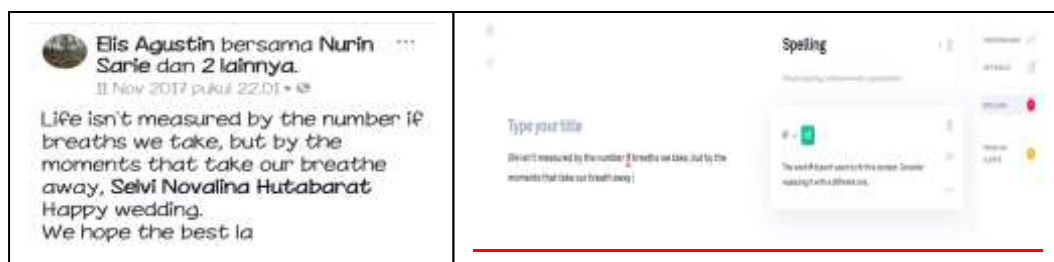
Sample 9

9	Elis Agustin	<i>: will always stand on your side when million againts you</i>	Misspelled word
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Sample 10

10	Elis Agustin	<i>.... by the number if breath we take</i>	Misspelled word
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CONCLUSION

Based on the discussion above it can be concluded that writing posting on facebook can be detected through an application called automatic grammar checker. Automatic grammar checker can detect some errors in terms of grammatical structure, contextual spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure. Basically, a post is just an expression of someone's feelings that is expressed into a social media. if the writing is in English, automatically reflects the English ability of the owner of the post itself. Therefore, someone who has a background in English to pay more attention to the correct methods in writing posts, especially in a social media. Thus, the posts that are read and commented on are in accordance English correctly.

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