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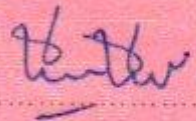
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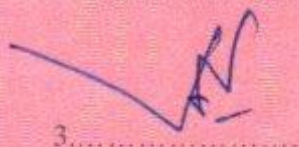
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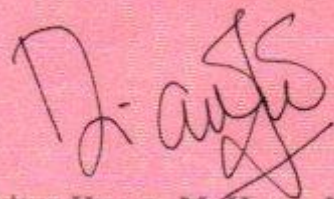
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ABSTRACT

This study aims to describe the types of speech acts and their functions in Concession Speeches. In politics, Concession speech refers to the speech delivered by the losing candidate from the winning candidate after the election and after the overall outcome of the vote becomes clear. The data of this study were taken from four kinds of concession speeches from the losing American candidates, namely those delivered by John McCain (2008), Mitt Romney (2012), Hillary Clinton (2016), and Donald Trump (2021). The method used in this study is a qualitative descriptive method because this method uses words instead of numbers as a reference for the data to be analyzed, and which means achieving results to obtain the data contained in the data source and analyze it to find out the differences in speech acts in Concession Speech with a pragmatic-discourse analysis approach. The theoretical concepts used refer to the theory of Searle (1976), Cutting (2003), Holmes (2013), Leech (1947). the results of the study show (1) four types of speech acts, namely, representative (statement, describing, fact, and conclusion), expressive (thanking, congratulating, praising, and wishing) directive (suggestion, inviting, requesting, and ordering), and commissive (promise, threatening, and offering), (2) function of each type of the speech acts according to the context used by the concession speech, such as expressing gratitude, to work together in developing America, etc. (3) the most used in the concession speeches are expressive speech acts (thanking and praising) and representative speech acts (statement). The results of this study show that the losing candidates' sportsmanship attitude supports the winning candidates and the varied use of English that contributes to developing English vocabulary.

Keywords: speech act, function, pragmatics, discourse analysis, concession speech.

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