

## ABSTRACT

This study investigates the syntactic structures of noun phrases found in The Jakarta Post editorials, focusing on their constituent elements, ordering patterns, and frequency of use. The research aims to: (1) analyze the types of syntactic structures of noun phrases used in the editorials, and (2) identify the most frequently occurring structures. Using an analytical descriptive approach, the study employed qualitative methods to examine written language in the context of mass media.

The findings reveal that the dominant syntactic structures of noun phrases include premodifiers (e.g., determiners and adjectives), head nouns, and post-modifiers (e.g., prepositional phrases, participles, and relative clauses). Among these, the pattern [Determiner + Adjective + Noun] emerged as the most frequently used structure, highlighting a preference for descriptive language in editorial writing.

The results suggest that the language used in The Jakarta Post reflects the conventions of formal written English while remaining accessible to a broad audience. Additionally, the presence of syntactically complex noun phrases underscores the sophistication needed in editorial writing to convey nuanced ideas and in-depth analysis. These findings provide valuable insights into the linguistic features of editorial texts and their role in shaping effective communication in mass media.

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