THE FUNCTIONS OF IDIOMS WITH MAGICAL TERMINOLOGY IN BUILDING THE STORY OF J.K. ROWLING’S “HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX”

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Abstract

This study describes the functions of idioms with magical terminology in Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix in building the story. This study analyzed the novel from the linguistics perspective. The idioms with magical terminology found in the novel were compared to real English idioms. Comparison was done word by word and also to the context of the story. The analysis was also done by comparing words’ meaning and the semantic features. Finally the data were analyzed with related theories of linguistics and discourse analysis. The results of this study can be used as a consideration in teaching cultural relevancy in language teaching from the linguistic point of view in a novel.

Keywords: functions of idioms, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, cultural relevancy in language teaching

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J.K. Rowling in 2007, at the release of “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.” AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth. J.K. Rowling's life is a classic rags-to-riches story. Her parents never received a college education, she lived for years with government assistance as a single mother, and overcame a dozen rejections from publishers to become, almost overnight, one of the most successful and widely read authors in the history of the world. 2007 - Rowling publishes Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the books series' final installment. The librarian at the heart of the Harry Potter copyright-infringement lawsuit stood up to J. K. Rowling on Tuesday in a Manhattan courtroom, and then broke down sobbing. The librarian, Steven Jan Vander Ark, had the mild-mannered demeanor of Ron Weasley, and the intelligence, charm — and haircut — of Harry Potter...Mr. Vander Ark testified that he was a former Star Trek fan, for whom reading the first Potter book, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone, in 1998 was love at first sight. Many fans also criticized the website's poor search function and formatting, which made it difficult to navigate the site, and to locate specific articles.