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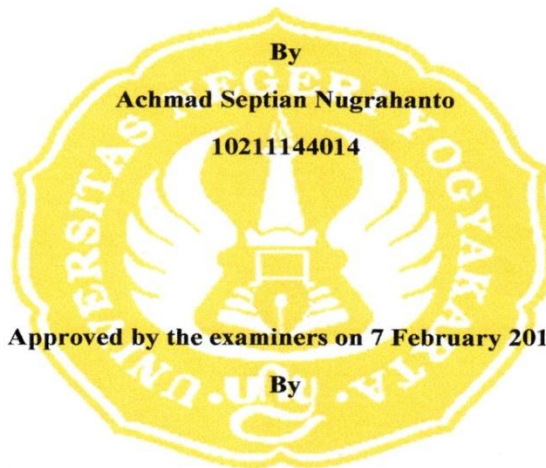
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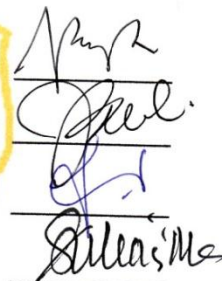
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**ABSTRACT**

This research studied the sociolinguistic phenomenon, especially in terms of jargon. This study was intended to analyze the word-formation processes of jargon which occur in Miller's *Money Ball* the movie. In this study, the functions of sport jargon which occur in Miller's *Money Ball* the movie were also analyzed.

Descriptive qualitative method was applied in this study. The percentage and frequency of the data were used to strengthen the findings. Meanwhile, the discussion was presented in a descriptive way. The researcher presented a deep analysis of the data. The data were in the form of words and phrases in the transcript of the movie's dialogue. *Money Ball* the movie and its transcript became the sources of the data. The data were collected by the researcher. Since it was a qualitative study, the researcher became the key instrument for collecting, measuring, and analyzing the data. Moreover, a triangulation was conducted to ensure the research trustworthiness. All of the data were analyzed through sociolinguistic perspective.

The findings of this study show that there are 77 items which are categorized as sport jargon. They are categorized as compounding (25 items), clipping and ellipsis (18 items), multiple processes (14 items), conversion (3 items), derivation (10 items) and acronym/abbreviation (7 items). Compounding becomes the most prominent form of jargon in this study. The process of compounding is easily found in sport. Meanwhile, in terms of function, this study reveals that jargon is not randomly conducted. Yet, it serves some functions which are used to make an economical communication and to promote in-group solidarity and to exclude out-groupers (who do not use jargon). The first function covers up to 90.90% of the data with 70 items. Then, the second function covers 9.09% with 7 items. In addition, understanding baseball technical terms is necessary to assist the reader in interpreting baseball jargon.

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