

## CHAPTER 4

### DATA ANALYSIS

This chapter answers the problem formulation of this thesis. In this chapter the writer grouped the ambiguous headlines she found at [www.thejakartapost.com](http://www.thejakartapost.com) and analyzed them. There were twenty headlines which would be grouped and analyzed. The writer would analyze them using Kreidler's ambiguity theory.

#### 4.1 Lexical Ambiguity

Lexical ambiguity happens when some words have more than one meanings although the words are exactly the same. The writer found ten titles which contained ambiguous words and listed her findings into the following table:

No	The ambiguous titles
1	Big Bang's T.O.P pleads guilty to pot charges.
2	Tourism Minister encourages MICE tourism in Banyuwangi.
3	Unlicensed medical practices mushrooming in Surabaya.
4	Angry Grab drivers rally against suspension
5	Jakartans may see light rains during Idul Fitri prayer
6	Malaysia also hit by wannacry ransomware

Table 4.1 The lexically ambiguous titles

There were ten titles listed on the table. However, in some of the titles, there were more than one ambiguous words. Here are the detailed explanations.

#### 4.1.1 Big Bang's T.O.P pleads guilty to pot charges.



It was news about a member of a famous South Korean boyband named T.O.P. He was caught for using marijuana at his home. The court judged that he was guilty and, therefore, he would be sentenced in prison for two years. There were some ambiguous words in the title of this news. They were as follows.

Table 4.1.1

The ambiguous words in the title Big Bang's T.O.P pleads guilty to pot charges

	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
Top	The highest place	The stage name of Choi Seung-Hyun

Pot	A round container especially one used for cooking food	Smoking marijuana
Charge	Supply energy	Accused formally

Here are the detailed explanations related to the table.

1. Top

Top is a word which has several meanings. It means ‘the highest place’, ‘a kind of clothes’, ‘at the upper part’, and ‘most important’ (Cambridge University Press, 2008). However, the word ‘top’ in the title is not related to any of them. It is written in capital letters and given some full stops which showed that it was an abbreviation. Although T.O.P looked like one abbreviated word, actually it is not. It is a stage name of a person named Choi Seung-Hyun who is one member of a Big Bang boyband.

2. Pot

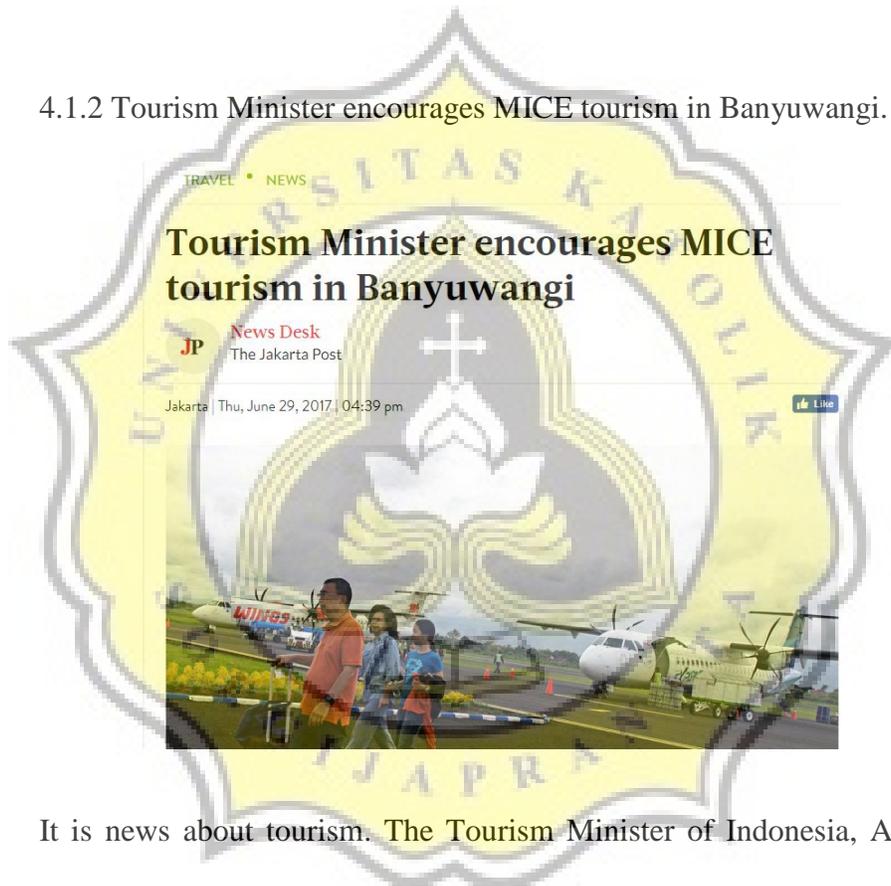
Pot means ‘any various container, usually round, especially one used for cooking food’ (Cambridge University Press, 2008). However, the word ‘pot’ in the title is not related to any cooking nor a container. It is a slang word of ‘smoking marijuana’ (Ayto, 1998).

3. Charge

The word ‘charge’ has several meanings. It means ‘money’, ‘accuse formally’, and ‘supply energy’ (Cambridge University Press, 2008). It is a

homonym word. In the news, there was no information about any money nor supplying energy. The word ‘charge’ is a word which act as a noun for the word ‘pot’. Smoking marijuana is an illegal act. Therefore, the word ‘charge’ here means ‘accused formally because the person had done something which was breaking the law.

#### 4.1.2 Tourism Minister encourages MICE tourism in Banyuwangi.



It is news about tourism. The Tourism Minister of Indonesia, Arief Yahya, stated that due to the opening of Royale Hotel and Resort. It is a four-star hotel which has the biggest ballroom in Banyuwangi. There was an ambiguous word in the title. It was shown in the table below.

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Meaning 1	Meaning 2
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mice	A plural word of mouse	An abbreviation of Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions
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Table 4.1.2 mice

Mice is a plural word of mouse (Cambridge University Press, 2008). Usually the plural form is taken from the singular form added by ‘s’. One example is boy which can be added by ‘s’ to become the singular word, ‘boys’. However, the plural form of mouse is not mouses. It becomes ‘mice’. It is an irregular one.

The news had the word ‘mice’. It is written perfectly the same as ‘mice’ which means ‘mouse’. However, it is written in capital letters. The word ‘MICE’ is the abbreviation of Meetings, Incentives, Conference, and Exhibition.

#### 4.1.3 Unlicensed medical practices mushrooming in Surabaya.

# Unlicensed medical practices mushrooming in Surabaya

**JP** News Desk  
The Jakarta Post

Surabaya | Tue, June 27, 2017 | 04:40 pm

Like



It was a news about the increasing presence of fake doctors in Surabaya. The Surabaya Health Agency found that a doctor opened practices and when they checked out the data, they could not find the name of the doctors in the IAPI (The Assosiation of Pathology Specialist Doctors in Indonesia). The lexical ambiguity was found on the following words:

	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
Mushroom	A fungus with a round top and short stem	Increase very quickly
Practice	To do or play something regularly in order to be skilled at it.	A work of an important skilled job which a lot of training is necessary

Table 4.1.3 Mushrooming and Practise

The detailed explanations are as follows.

1. Mushroom

Mushroom has two meanings. It can mean a fungus with a round top and short stem and to increase very quickly (Cambridge University Press, 2008). In the title, mushroom is not a noun. It is a verb which explains that the presence of the fake medics. Therefore, mushrooming in the title means increase very quickly.

2. Practise

Practise has two meanings. It can mean to do or play something regularly in order to be skilled at it and a work of an important skilled job which a lot of training is necessary (Cambridge University Press, 2008). In the title, practise is a noun. It is modified by the words unlicensed medical. Therefore, the word practise in the title means the second one.

4.1.4 Angry Grab drivers rally against suspension.

## Angry Grab drivers rally against suspension



Jakarta | Wed, June 28, 2017 | 10:46 am



The news was about the online transportation drivers who did a strike to the company where they were working. The drivers did this because they thought that the company was arrogant. They suspended the drivers over the unclear manipulation accusations. There are some ambiguous words which can be found in the title. They were as follows.

Table 4.1.4

Grab, rally and suspension

	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
Grab	Take a hold of something	An online transport service
Rally	Race done in a public street, a continuous exchange in badminton or tennis, come together	A public meeting of a large group of people, especially supporters of a particular opinion.

	provide support	
Suspension	A liquid which has the undissolved solid	When someone stops something happening or operating.

Here is the detailed explanations.

1. Grab

Grab is a verb. It means to take a hold of something (Cambridge University Press, 2008). However, the word ‘grab’ in the title means differently. Grab in the title is a name of an online transport service. It was an application created by two Singaporeans named Anthony Tan and Tan Hooi Ling in 2012. The application helped connect a passenger with a Grab partner driver.

2. Rally

Rally has some meanings. It can mean ‘race done in a public street’, ‘a continuous exchange in badminton or tennis’, and ‘come together to provide support’, and ‘a public meeting of a large group of people, especially supporters of a particular opinion’ (Cambridge University Press, 2008). In the news, the word ‘rally’ means the last one which is a ‘public meeting of a large group of people, especially supporters of a particular opinion’. It was related to the fact that the Grab drivers disagreed with the company’s decision to suspend them. They felt like they did not manipulate the company so they did not deserve to be suspended.

### 3. Suspension

Suspension has two meanings. They are ‘a liquid which has the undissolved solid’ and ‘when someone stops something happening or operating’ (Cambridge University Press, 2008). The word ‘suspension’ in the news means the second one because it was related to the fact that the Grab company was curious that some of their drivers had manipulated them so the company stopped the driver for working at Grab.

#### 4.1.5 Jakartans may see light rains during Idul Fitri prayer.



It was a news about the weather forecast for the Idul Fitri day. The Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics Agency told that it would be

cloudy at the day and there was a chance of the light rain. The ambiguous word is as follows

Table 4.1.5

Light

	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
Light	Bright, flame, small and easy to digest	Not much

Light has some meanings. It can be ‘bright’, ‘flame’, ‘small and easy to digest’ and ‘not much’ (Cambridge University Press, 2008). In this news, the word ‘light’ was an adjective. It was attached to the word ‘rain’ which acted as the noun. The most relevant meaning related to the rain was ‘not much’. It showed that the rain would not be the heavy one.

4.1.6 Malaysia also hit by wannacry ransomware.

# Malaysia also hit by WannaCry ransomware

Razak Ahmad

The Star/Asia News Network

Petaling Jaya | Sun, May 14, 2017 | 04:23 pm



It was a news about the global cyber attack. The attack came in a form of delivering a ransomware. It was a software which was designed to block any access to a computer until some amount of money got paid to its maker. The ambiguous word is as follows.

Table 4.1.6

WannaCry

	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
WannaCry	Want to cry	A name of a dangerous ransomware

It can be seen from the table that the ambiguous word was the word 'WannaCry'. It has two meanings. The first one is 'want to cry'. The word 'wanna' is the slang word of 'want to'. The second one is 'a name of a dangerous ransomware'. This second

meaning was more make sense because the news was about a cyber attack through a ransomware. Actually the complete name was ‘WanaCryptOr 2.0’, but people just gave its nickname as ‘WannaCry’. There was no clear reason behind the name, but maybe it was because when a computer got infected by the ransomware, it could not be accessed at all. This could make the owner stressed out until he wanted to cry.

## 4.2 Referential Ambiguity

Referential ambiguity happens when the reference creates confusion. It deals with the different interpretation between a speaker or a writer as the expression maker towards the listener or the reader as the interpreter of that expression.

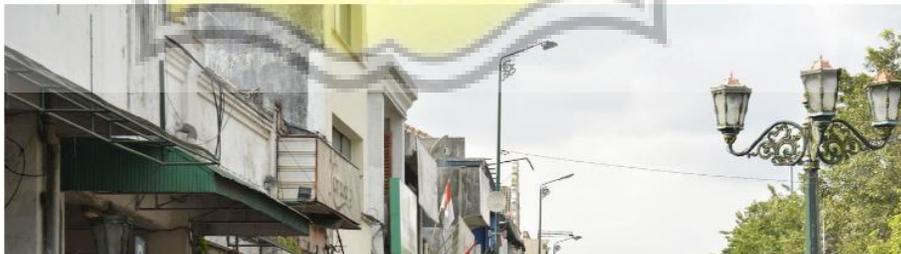
4.2.1 Omah Kecebong, Yogyakarta a peaceful retreat to rest and recharge

### Omah Kecebong, Yogyakarta a peaceful retreat to rest and recharge

JP News Desk  
The Jakarta Post

Jakarta | Sat, July 1, 2017 | 02:47 pm

Like



It was a news about a guest house in Yogyakarta. It was told that the house would be a great place for those who wanted to enjoy the peacefulness

of living in a village. The guest house was surrounded by the paddy fields, trees and fish pond. The ambiguous word is as follows.

Table 4.2.1

*Kecebong* (tadpole)

	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
Kecebong	A small black creature with a large head and a long tail which lives in water and develops into a frog.	The name of a guest house in Yogyakarta.

The ambiguous word in the title was *kecebong* (tadpole). It is a small black creature with a large head and a long tail which lives in water and develops into a frog (Cambridge University Press, 2008). However, the *kecebong* (tadpole) in this news was not it. It was a name of a guest house in Yogyakarta.

4.2.2 Could Apple's next big thing be a car?

# Could Apple's next big thing be a car?

JULIE CHARPENTRAT  
 AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

San Francisco, United States | Fri, June 30, 2017 | 07:05 pm



It was a news about whether a technology company next production would be a car. The company was known for making sophisticated gadget like phones, notebooks, smartwatches and personal computer. The ambiguous word is as follows.

Table 4.2.2

Apple

	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
Apple	A round fruit with firm white flesh and a green, red or yellow skin	The name of a company which created iPhone, iPad, Macbook, and iWatch.

The word 'apple' means a round fruit with firm white flesh and a green, red or yellow skin (Cambridge University Press, 2008). However, in this news, the word 'apple'

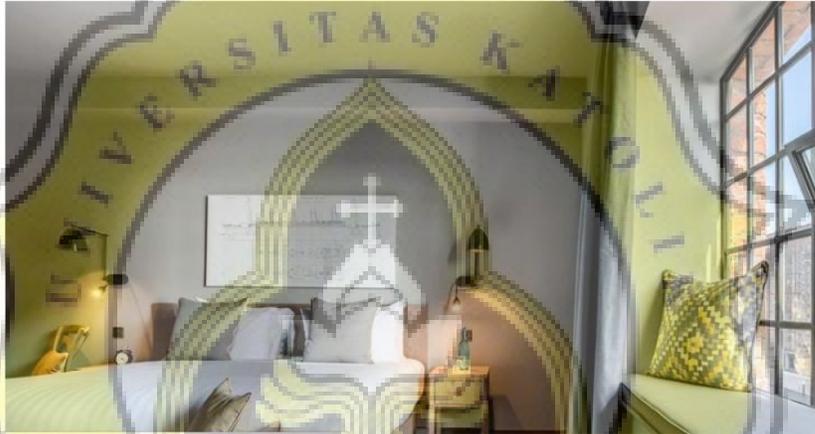
does not mean it. It is the name of a company which created iPhone, iPad, Macbook, and iWatch.

#### 4.2.3 Titanic Hotel to open in Belfast this Spetember

## Titanic hotel to open in Belfast this September

**JP** News Desk  
The Jakarta Post

Jakarta | Tue, July 18, 2017 | 08:07 pm



It was a news about a hotel in Belfast which would be open in September. The hotel was unique because it has the design of a famous ship that had sunk long time ago. The ambiguous word is as follows.

Table 4.2.3

Titanic

	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
Titanic	The name of a great ship	The name of a hotel in

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which was claimed as the Belfast  
unsinkable one by its  
maker, but then it sunk  
because of hitting the  
iceberg.

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Titanic was a name of a famous ship. It was the biggest, and the most  
luxurious ship in its era. It was made with the latest technology that even its maker  
claimed that it was unsinkable. However, the Titanic in the title was not a ship. It is a  
name of a hotel in Belfast,

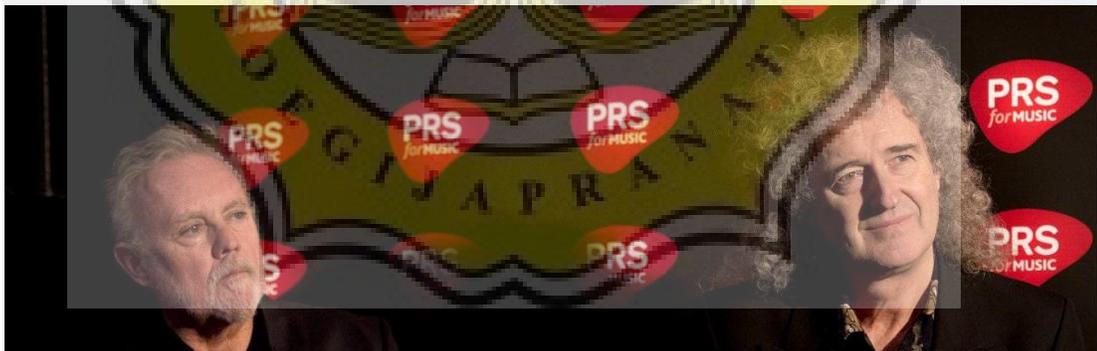
#### 4.2.4 Queen biopic 'Bohemian Rhapsody' to start filming soon

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### Queen biopic 'Bohemian Rhapsody' to start filming soon

JP NEWS DESK  
THE JAKARTA POST

Jakarta | Tue, July 18, 2017 | 04:32 pm



The news was about a biopic of Queen. The news told that the shoot for the  
film would be start soon. The ambiguous word was as follows.

Table 4.2.4

## Queen

	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
Queen	A woman who rules a country because she has been born into a royal family, or a woman who is married to a king.	A british rock band that formed in 1970.

The ambiguous word in the title was 'queen'. Queen means a woman who rules a country because she has been born into a royal family, or a woman who is married to a king (Cambridge University Press, 2008). However, the word 'Queen' in the title had no relation at all to any woman nor a royal family. "Queen' in the title referred to a british rock band. It was a famous band in its era. The band no longer exist. The lead singer of the band, Freddie Mercury had passed away due to the drugs overdose.

### 4.2.5 Big Bang's T.O.P pleads guilty to pot charges.



It was a news about a member of a famous South Korean boyband named T.O.P. He was caught for using marijuana at his home. The court judged that he was guilty and therefore he would be sentenced in prison for two years. There was an ambiguous word in the title of this news. It was as follows.

	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
Big Bang	The large explosion that many scientists believe created the universe	The name of a South Korean boyband

Table 4.2.5 Big Bang

Big Bang is famously known as a theory which many scientist believe has created the universe (Uzan, 2015). It states that at the beginning there was no Universe . There was only particles. Someday the particles exploded and created a really big explosion which made the particles got united and formed the Universe as it is at the present time.

Meanwhile, the news is not related to any of the creation of the Universe. The Big Bang mentioned in the news is a name of a South Korean boyband. One of the members was sentenced in jail for using drugs.

#### 4.2.6 Six things to know about Telegram

# Six things to know about Telegram

**JP** NEWS DESK  
THE JAKARTA POST

Jakarta | Tue, July 18, 2017 | 10:35 am



It was a news about an online mobile chat application. The news told six things about the application. The six things were the use of Telegram, maker, the save chat feature, the use of the app by the terrorists, the ban of Indonesian government, and the damage control.

Table 4.2.6

Telegram

	Meaning 1	Meaning
Telegram	A piece of paper with a message sent by telegraph	A chatting app launched in 2013 by Pavel Durov, a Russian.

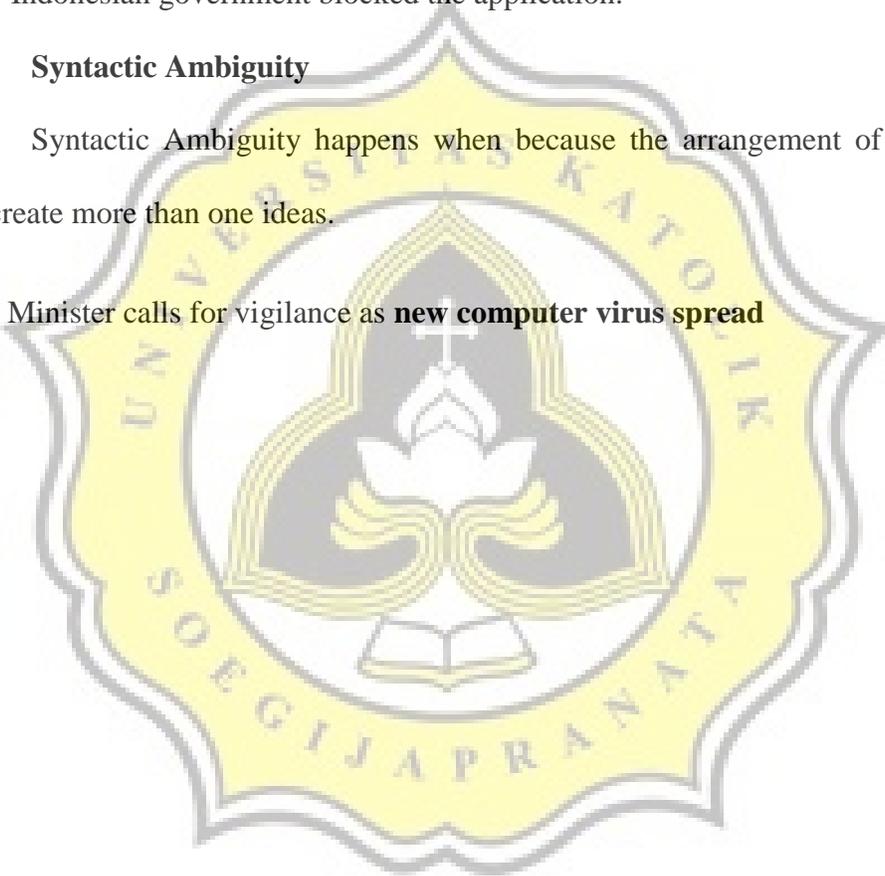
The ambiguous word was the word Telegram. It means a piece of paper with a message sent by telegraph (Cambridge University Press, 2008). However, the news was not about any paper. It was a chatting program made by Pavel Durov. Recently, the application was gaining its popularity because of its safe feature. It has sophisticated encryption which made the government and

even the Telegram themselves unable to see what the messages were. Sadly, it was used by the terrorists to communicate among them. Indonesian government knew about that so they asked the Telegram to help to uncover the messages. By doing so, the government hoped that the police could stop any terrorist attacks before they happened. Telegram did not want to cooperate, so Indonesian government blocked the application.

### **4.3 Syntactic Ambiguity**

Syntactic Ambiguity happens when because the arrangement of a sentence can create more than one ideas.

#### **4.3.1 Minister calls for vigilance as new computer virus spread**



# Minister calls for vigilance as new computer virus spreads

**JP** News Desk  
The Jakarta Post

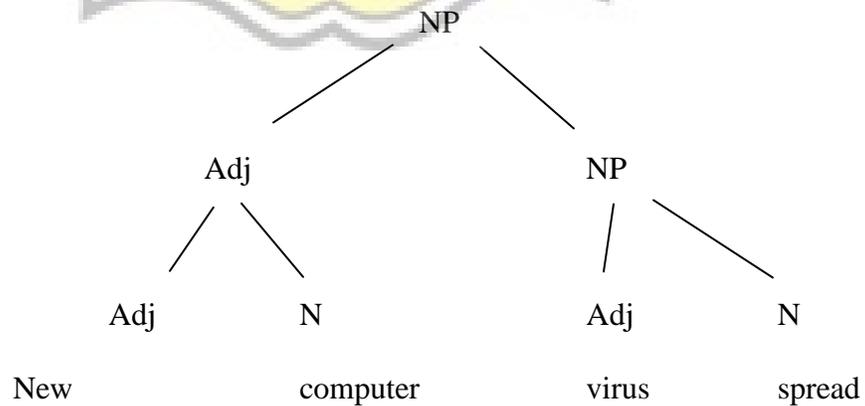
Jakarta | Thu, June 29, 2017 | 11:14 am

Like



The title of this news was ambiguous especially on the part which the writer wrote in bold because it could have two meanings. They were as follows.

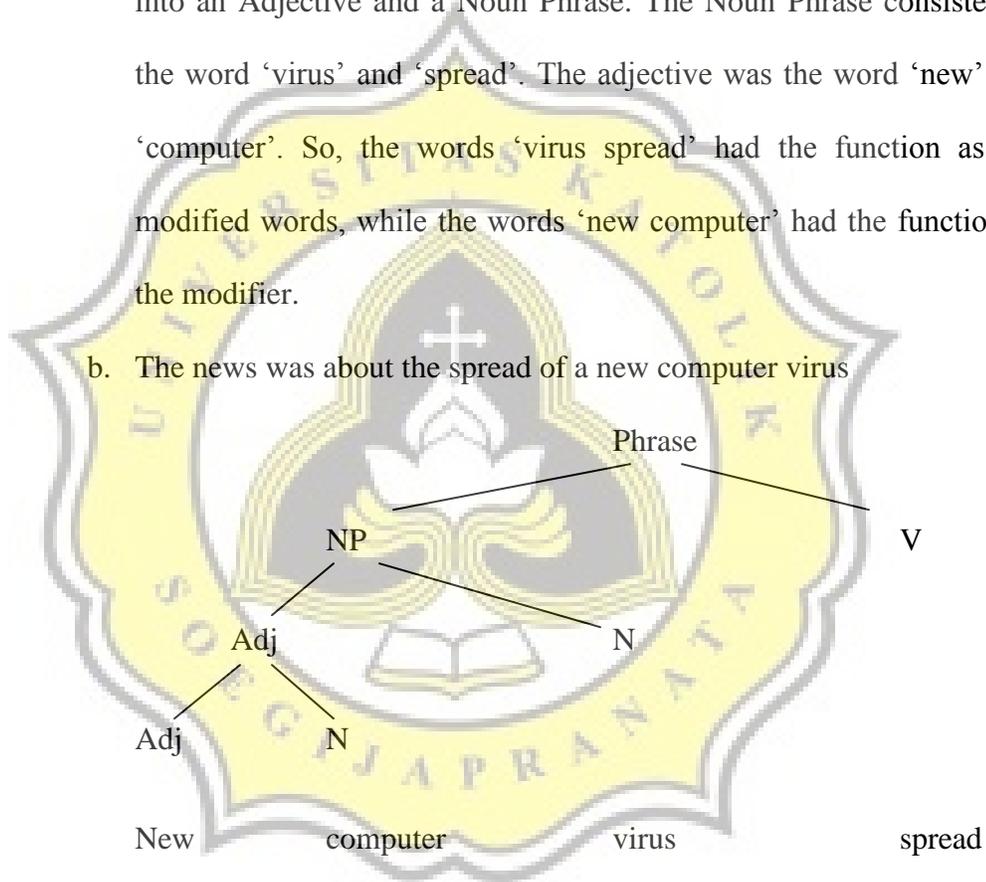
- a. The news was about the virus spread of the new computer



The bold text could mean that there was a new computer. The computer had got a virus in it. Then, the virus spread out of the new computer.

From the tree diagram, it could be seen that the word in the sentence could be actually divided according to its each part of speech into an Adjective and a Noun Phrase. The Noun Phrase consisted of the word 'virus' and 'spread'. The adjective was the word 'new' and 'computer'. So, the words 'virus spread' had the function as the modified words, while the words 'new computer' had the function as the modifier.

b. The news was about the spread of a new computer virus



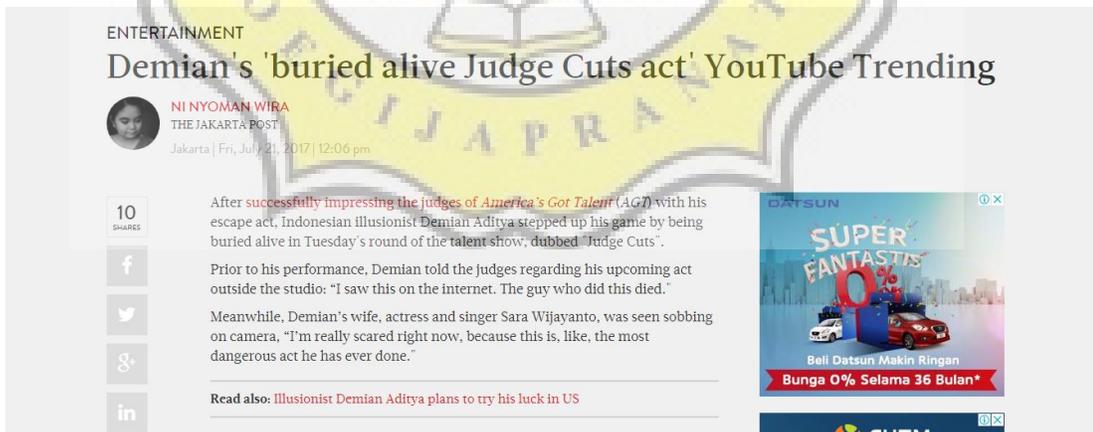
The bold text could mean that there was a new virus. It was a computer virus. The virus had spread.

From the tree diagram, it could be seen that the phrase in the sentence could be actually divided according to its each part of speech into a Noun Phrase and a Verb. The Noun Phrase consisted of the

word 'new', 'computer' and 'virus'. The Noun Phrase was divided again into Adjective which consisted of the words 'new' and 'computer', and Noun which consisted of the word 'virus'. So, the words 'virus' had the function as the modified word, while the words 'new computer' had the function as the modifier. All of them formed the subject of the phrase. The verb of the phrase was the word 'spread'. It was in its past simple form.

Although the title had two meanings, the intended message of the writer of the news was the second one. The news was about the Minister of Information and Communication who warned people to be on alert for possible attacks by the Petya ransomware ("Minister calls for vigilance as new computer virus spread," 2017).

#### 4.3.2 Demian's 'buried alive Judge Cuts act' YouTube Trending



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### Demian's 'buried alive Judge Cuts act' YouTube Trending

 **NI NYOMAN WIRA**  
THE JAKARTA POST  
Jakarta | Fri, Jul 21, 2017 | 12:06 pm

10 SHARES

After successfully impressing the judges of *America's Got Talent* (AGT) with his escape act, Indonesian illusionist Demian Aditya stepped up his game by being buried alive in Tuesday's round of the talent show, dubbed "Judge Cuts".

Prior to his performance, Demian told the judges regarding his upcoming act outside the studio: "I saw this on the internet. The guy who did this died."

Meanwhile, Demian's wife, actress and singer Sara Wijayanto, was seen sobbing on camera. "I'm really scared right now, because this is, like, the most dangerous act he has ever done."

Read also: [Illusionist Demian Aditya plans to try his luck in US](#)

**DATSON**  
**SUPER FANTASTIS**  
Beli Datsun Makin Ringan  
Bunga 0% Selama 36 Bulan\*

**CYTM**

The title of this news was ambiguous especially on the part which the writer wrote in bold because it could have two meanings. They were as follows.

a. Demian's act of Judge Cut's burried alive

This sentence could mean that Demian had an act. There was someone named Judge Cuts took part in the act. The act was about to make someone named Judge Cuts to be burried alive. The title could mean like that because the word 'cuts' was written with the capital letter 'C'. It was situated next to the word 'Judge'. It looked like there was a person named Judge Cuts.

b. Demian's act of burried alive (made) Judge cuts

This sentence could mean that Demian had an act. The act was about to make himself burried alive. The Judge cuts the act. Here, the word 'cuts' was considered wrongly capitalised. Therefore, it acted as a verb.

Although the title had two meanings, the intended message of the writer of the news was the second one. The news was about an Indonesian Ilusionist named Demian who joined a TV program showing a talent competition named American Got Talent. In the show, he did an act of burrying himself alive in a three-metre-deep hole. The hole was filled with sand as the time went by. It needed only one and a half minute for the sand to cover the hole completely. Demian had to release himself from the chain, padlocks and handcuffs to be able to got out before the

hole was completely full and killed himself. The act looked about to fail which then made one of the Judges terrified and tried to cut the show to save Demian. He asked the crew to help Demian. However, it turned out to be a successful performance as Demian was seen to be one of the crews (Wira, 2017).

#### 4.3.3 Two police officers attacked at mosque

### **Two police officers attacked at mosque**

News Desk  
The Jakarta Post

Jakarta | Fri, June 30, 2017 | 09:39 pm

Like



The title of this news was ambiguous especially on the part which the writer wrote in bold because it could have two meanings. They were as follows.

#### a. Two police officers attacked (someone) at mosque

This sentence meant that there were two police officers at a mosque. They met someone in there and attacked that person.

Here, the sentence was in past simple form. The sentence could be divided into subject, verb and preposition of place. The subject was 'two

police officers’. The verb was ‘attacked’. Then, the preposition of place was ‘at mosque’. The writer added the word ‘someone’ in the bracket to make the meaning easier to understand. The word ‘someone’ would act as an object in the sentence. It made the police officers had the role as the attackers and a person as the victim.

b. Two police officers (were) attacked (by someone) at mosque

This sentence meant that there was someone at a mosque. That person attacked the police officers when they were still in the mosque. Here, the sentence was a passive sentence. However, to a passive sentence, the sentence must have verb be and the past participle verb. The writer added the word ‘were’ and ‘by someone’ to complete the sentence. The sentence could be divided into subject, verb and preposition of place. The subject was ‘two police officers’. The verb was ‘were attacked’. Then, the preposition of place was ‘at mosque’. The writer put the word ‘someone’ in the bracket after the word ‘attacked’ to make the meaning easier to understand. The word ‘someone’ would act as an object in the sentence. In a passive sentence, the doer was the object. It made a person or ‘somebody’ as the attacker and the police officers had the role as the victims.

Although the title had two meanings, the intended message of the writer of the news was the second one. The news was about an attack on two police officers at a mosque near the National Police headquarter in South Jakarta (“Two police officers attacked at mosque,” 2017).

#### 4.3.4 Twerking star leaves Thai Junta Chief hot and bothered

# Twerking star leaves Thai junta chief hot and bothered

News Desk  
AFP

Bangkok | Thu, June 15, 2017 | 09:07 am



The title of this news was ambiguous especially on the part which the writer wrote in bold because it could have two meanings. They were as follows.

- a. The hot and bothered twerking star leaves Thai junta

This sentence meant that there was a twerking star. She was hot and bothered. She left Thai junta.

In this sentence the main clause was that a twerking star leaves Thai junta. The words 'hot and bothered' were the adjectives which had the role as the modifier of the word 'twerking star'

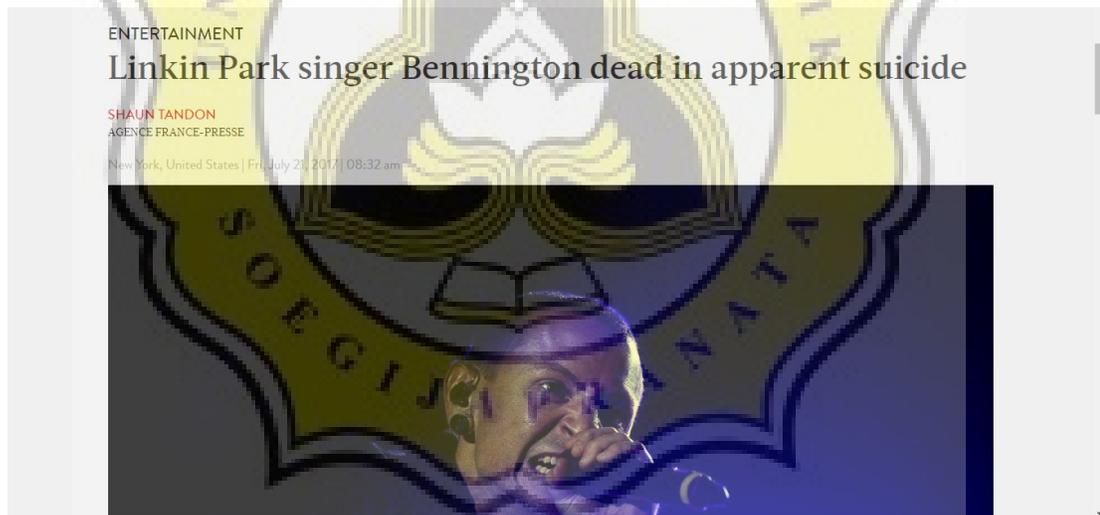
- b. The twerking star leaves Thai junta (made him) hot and bothered

This sentence meant that there was a twerking star. She left Thai junta. She had made him hot and bothered.

In this sentence the main clause was that a twerking star leaves Thai junta. The words ‘hot and bothered’ were the adjectives which had the role as the modifier of the word ‘Thai junta’

Although the title had two meanings, the intended message of the writer of the news was the second one. The news was about a twerking star who always performed in a very sexy outfit and did sensual dancing. A Thai junta knew about that star. He was ashamed and bothered to see a star who performed in that such way (“Twerking star leaves Thai Junta Chief hot and bothered,” 2017).

#### 4.3.5 Linkin Park singer Bennington dead in apparent suicide



The title of this news was ambiguous especially on the part which the writer wrote in bold because it could have two meanings. They were as follows.

- a. Linkin, Park singer Bennington dead in apparent suicide

This sentence meant that there was a park singer. His named was Bennington. He was declared died because of committing suicide.

- b. Linkin Park singer, Bennington dead in apparent suicide

This sentence meant that there was a band called Linkin Park. Bennington was the singer of the band. He was found dead because of suicide.

Although the title had two meanings, the intended message of the writer of the news was the second one. The news was about the suicidal death of Chester Bennington, the singer of Linkin Park. He was found hanging at his home (Tandon, 2017).

