

ABSTRACT

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The researcher analyzed parentese in *little big shot talk show* episode micro mayor James using a psycholinguistic approach. This research has two objectives: (1) to explain the characteristics of parentese used in *little big shot talk show* episode micro mayor James based on Steinberg (2006) theory; and (2) to describe the functions of the use of parentese in *little big shot talk show* based on Clark and Clark (1977) theory. This research employed qualitative method. The data were in the form of utterances, while the contexts of the data were the adult-children conversations in *the little big shot*. Meanwhile the sources of the data were the videos of *the little big shot* consist of two parts videos and theirs transcript. The data were collected by selecting the dialogues containing parentese. The primary instrument of this research was the researcher, while secondary instrument was data sheet and other component such as pen, books and etc.

The data of this study are the utterances contain parentese in *little big shot talk show*. In findings, the writer found four characteristics of parentese: immediacy and concreteness (4), grammaticality of input (6), short utterances and simple structure (3), and simple and short vocabulary (5). The writer also found three functions of parentese. Those are: develop more vocabulary (7), learn grammar naturally (9), and understand conversation routines (2). Learn abstract concepts easier are not found in this source of data.

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