

TENSES IN ENGLISH FRIDAY SERMON OF UNIVERSITY OF DARUSSALAM GONTOR

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Abstract

This research is concentrated in the aspect of structure especially tenses. The existence of tenses in English is an obligatory in opposite there is no English without the use of tenses. Thus tense has a very significant function in English. With qualitative research, it can be found that several types of tenses are used in delivering sentences of English Friday Sermon. They are the most dominant tense is Simple Present Tense. Then the other tenses used in English Friday Sermon are Present Perfect Tense, Simple Future Tense and Simple Past Tense.

Keywords: *Tenses, English, Friday Sermon*

Abstrak

Penelitian ini dikonsentrasikan pada aspek struktur khususnya tenses. Keberadaan tenses dalam bahasa Inggris adalah kewajiban sebaliknya tidak ada bahasa Inggris tanpa menggunakan tenses. Dengan demikian tense memiliki fungsi yang sangat signifikan dalam bahasa Inggris. Dengan penelitian kualitatif, dapat ditemukan bahwa beberapa jenis tenses digunakan dalam penyampaian kalimat Khotbah Jumat Bahasa Inggris. Mereka adalah tense yang paling dominan adalah Simple Present Tense. Kemudian tenses lainnya yang digunakan dalam English Friday Sermon adalah Present Perfect Tense, Simple Future Tense dan Simple Past Tense.

Kata Kunci: *Tenses, Bahasa Inggris, Khotbah Jum'at*

1. INTRODUCTION

Tenses are very significant in English. All sentences must use tenses. In other words, without tenses there will be no English. Tenses are expressed by verbs. That is why there are verbs in the first, second, third and fourth form. The first is in basic form of verb. The second is in the past form of the verb. The third is in the past participle and the fourth is the present participle form of the verb. It is an obligation to use correct Tenses in English because every language has rules and the rules exist not to be broken but to be obeyed and practice by the speakers or writers. The errors of using tenses should be avoided by speakers because the misuse of tenses produces ill-grammatical sentences. In addition, the meaning will change or to be different from speaker's meaning.

English has great role in humans' life of this world. As an international language, English is already used by most of people in the world no matter what country they come from. English used in all aspect of life especially in economy, business, social relationship, career or profession, education, including in the language Friday sermon by University of Darussalam Gontor. Therefore it is very significant to study English.

This research is focused on tenses used in the Friday sermon. Tense is one of significant aspect in Grammar. Declerck (2006) stated The Grammar of the English Tense System allows for an analysis of the semantics of individual tenses which reflects the role of tenses not only in locating situations in time relative to speech time but also in relating situations in time relative to one another to form temporally coherent discourse. Attention is paid to the relations between tenses. On the one hand, we can identify sets of tenses linked to particular temporal areas such as the past or the future. These sets of tenses provide for the expression of a system of temporal relations in a stretch of discourse in which all the situations are located within the same temporal area. On the other hand, there are many contexts in which speakers might in theory choose between two or more tenses to locate a situation (e.g., when we choose between the past tense and the present perfect to locate a situation before speech time).

A number of previous researches related English grammar and Friday sermons have accomplished. Agu (2018) examined Friday sermons preached in three mosques in Yola, Adamawa state thelexico-syntactic structures of the language of the sermons in number and tense or function. Then, Alenezi, A. (2019) studied interpersonal meanings presented in Islamic Friday sermons to contribute to a better understanding of future sermons. Alkhaldeh, A. A. (2022) 418-437 employed qualitative and quantitative methods, studied deixis used by the preachers to serve a wide variety of functions on the discourse and pragmatic levels. In the corpus, deictic expressions

worked as a discourse strategy to persuade the listeners by drawing their attention and engaging them in the message of the sermon and to signal and organize the flow of information in the ongoing discourse. They also served to enhance togetherness, intimacy, and politeness between the preachers and their audience. This study is hoped to present a good basis for further linguistic investigation of deixis in other languages and religions to illuminate how deictics work in sermonic discourse.

2. METHODOLOGY

This research uses qualitative research. Moleong (2005:6) in Hidayat (2012) qualitative research understands the phenomena experienced by the research subject such as manners or behaviours, perception, motivation, action etc. and formed descriptively into words and language in a special natural context by implementing a number of natural methods. As Saryono.

3. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

Based on the findings, there are three tenses used in the Friday sermon. They are Simple Present Tense, Present Perfect Tense, Simple Future Tense and and Simple Past Tense.

Most of Friday sermons are delivered in the sentences of simple present tense. The first sentence delivered is in Simple Present Tense 'In today's Friday sermon, we would like to talk about the best of deeds. Simple Present Tense describes the activities in the present time as used in the sentences of Friday sermon below Allah states in the Surah al-Kahf.', He looks to see which of us, that they in turn may put forward their best. So let each person reflect and follow the best of ways, that we always employ the best of what we can say from speech, This is also why He calls us to establish and sows love between people, And Allah praises His servants who truly follow Him For Allah says Allah promises those who are kind to their parents for He says, And from the best of speech that strengthens relationships amongst people, So if someone sends their salaams upon you, So may Allah guide us to the best of deeds and sayings, He assists us all in the way of piety and obedience, May Allah bless me and bless you with the Noble Qur'an, Allah, the Most glorified, states, Someone who is characterized by the best of deeds and actions, that Allah blesses those He loves with in this world. So let us be avid and keen to ensure we have the best of deeds in our prayer, our Zakat and our ties with our parents, for all of this is how a human being becomes realized in his humanity (Affandi, 2020).

Besides Simple Present Tense, another tense is also used in Friday sermon. It is Present Perfect Tense as identified in the sentences of For Allah has given mankind from everything in order, He has created them in the best of forms and dispositions, Allah has sent in the Qur'an the best of stories, Allah has ordered us to act upon on the Qur'an in the best of ways, Allah has encouraged us, You have commanded us to be dutiful towards, in accordance with Your words, in a state of delight with regards to what Allah has promised them from His tremendous reward and lofty ranks, The present perfect tense is is used to describe the activities occurs from the past to the present probably to the future.(Affandi, 2020).

Next, other tenses used in Friday sermon are Simple Future Tense and Simple Past Tense. Simple Future Tense describes the activities occur in the future time in other words it does not happened yet as in the sentences below that will allow a person to reach the contentment of Allah., that He will accept their deeds, and that He will look after them in the best of manners, They will come on the Day of Judgment in a state of security and contentment. Then, Simple Past Tense is used the sentences In other words, Allah created this world and beautified it, originated it and perfected it all He revealed to them the best of Books and Rulings, they gave to you. (Affandi, 2020).

4. CONCLUSIONS

The most dominant Tenses used in the delivery of English Friday Sermons is Simple Present Tense describing activities that occur in the present / progressive time. Other tenses are Present Perfect Tense describing activities occur from the past, to the present and continue to the future, Simple Future Tense describing activities in the future. In other words it does not not occur yet. And the last is Simple Past Tense describing activities in the past time.

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