This undergraduate thesis is entitled *Syntactic Analysis of Headlines Structures in The Jakarta Post Online News*. This study is inspired by the phenomenon on our everyday lives, as the technology develops, people are not reading news from newspaper anymore but now using gadgets as nowadays there are many online news services available. The first thing people read from news is headline, but it often violated the standard grammar rules as it have unique characteristics. This study aims to figure out types of special structures occurred in the headlines of *The Jakarta Post* online news and to find out the structure of headlines in *The Jakarta Post* online news.

The data sources of this study were taken from a news website that available at [www.thejakartapost.com](http://www.thejakartapost.com) which is an online version from *The Jakarta Post* newspaper. This study was a descriptive qualitative research and the method used to collect the data was documentation method using note taking technique. The theory used in analyzing the data was the special news headlines structure theory proposed by Swan (2005) and Quirk (1985).

The result of this study shows the special structures that tend to be used by the writer are: (1) the omission of the auxiliary verbs, (2) the omission of articles, (3) the simple tense form, (4) the future form, (5) shortening, and (6) the special use of punctuation marks. Other special structure such as the strings of nouns and the use of as and in are rarely used by the writers in *The Jakarta Post*.

**Key words:** syntactic analysis, news headlines, *The Jakarta Post*
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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

As technology develops rapidly, almost everything is modernized. One of the technology development products that commonly used by people nowadays is the internet. Information needed by people most likely available in the internet and so is the news. Therefore, mass media are also developing along with technology to make a digital version of the news for people.

Mass media cannot be separated with people’s life because it is human nature to be curious, especially about what is happening around them and that is exactly what the media provides. Moreover, people can be well-informed of what is happening around them instantly by reading online news in their gadget. There are lots of mass media that has digital version and The Jakarta Post was one of them.

This study did not concern on the news as a whole, but it was concerning on the headlines of the news. The first thing that the readers will certainly read is the title because the readers will not read the whole news if the title does not interest them. So, there are special characteristics in terms of grammar and structure that occurred in the headline in order to make the readers interested. However, the headlines will not be easily understood because the language has a different construction than the standard language and may have ignored the ungrammatical form. Thus, the news headlines structure was an interesting object to be analyzed syntactically as it has its own characteristics.
1.2 Problems of the Study

This study concern on the following problems:

1. What types of special structures occurred in the headlines of The Jakarta Post Online News?
2. How are the headlines of The Jakarta Post Online News structured?

1.3 Aims of the Study

Based on the problems formulated, this study aims at:

1. To figure out types of special structures occurred in the headlines of The Jakart Post Online News.
2. To find out the structure of headlines in The Jakarta Post Online News.

1.4 Scope of Discussion

Due to the broadness of the study, the scope of discussion will be focused on certain things in order to make the discussion not too far around unnecessary things. The discussion is limited to the types of special structures of the headlines in The Jakarta Post Online News that published on October 2016, including the strings of nouns, the omission of the auxiliary verbs, the omission of articles, the simple tense form, the future form, the use of as and in, shortening, and the special use of punctuation marks, which is suitable to be data of this study. The next discussion of this study concerns about the construction of the headlines in The Jakarta Post Online News that published on October 2016.
1.5 Research Method

According to the place, there are three kinds of research as stated by Arikunto (2002: 8), laboratory research, field research and library research. This study was a library research because all data in this study were collected from literatures which are news articles and this study was using reference books as guidance to conduct this research. This study is also a descriptive research as Arikunto (2005: 234) stated, descriptive research is a research with the view to collect information and to describe about a variable or a phenomenon. In this study, the qualitative method was used to apply the theory proposed by Swan (2005) in analyzing the problems.

1.5.1 Data Source

The data source of this study was taken from the online version of The Jakarta Post’s news that is available at www.thejakartapost.com. The data that were taken to be specific was only the headlines, any types of headlines which were suitable to be the data of this study. The headlines were chosen from the online-site that published on October 2016.

1.5.2 Method and Technique of Collecting Data

There are six methods of collecting data such as test, questionnaire, interview, observation, rating scale, and documentation. In this study the method used to collect the data which are related to the problems was
documentation method. According to Arikunto (1993: 202), documentation method is a method in collecting data by using some variables such as note, transcript, book, newspaper, ancient inscription, etc. One of the techniques of documentation method was using note taking in the process of collecting data.

The data in this study were collected through some steps. The first step was collecting the news from The Jakarta Post’s online-site that published on October 2016. The second step was identifying and selecting the headlines in order to find the suitable data for this study and it was followed by note taking.

1.5.3 Method and Technique of Analyzing Data

The collected data were analyzed descriptively based on the news headlines’ special structure theory proposed by Swan (2005). The data of this study were analyzed according to these following steps: (1) classifying the suitable collected data based on the types of the special structures of headlines, (2) analyzing the data based on the theory used in this study to figure out how the headlines are structured. As guidance to figure out the best explanation, the references which were concerned with English grammar, journalism and news writing style was used.