THE ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE IN

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ABSTRACT

This study entitled “The Analysis of Reference in “Bhagavad-gita”. This study discussed about the reference in cohesive device. The aims of study are to find and identify the kind of references and the reference items were presented in “Bhagavad-gita”.

The data source of this study was taken from a Vedic religious book “Bhagavad-gita As It Is” by A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. In collecting data, it was done by selecting randomly some texts of chapter one which the text 3 and text 11 were chosen. The research method of this study used qualitative research. The main theory used in this writing was the Theory of Cohesion proposed by Halliday and Hasan (1976). It explains about references as one aspect of cohesive relations. This writing was also supported by Theory of Discourse Analysis by David Nunan (1993) for supporting the first research problem.

Based on the result of the analysis, it showed that the kinds of personal references that occur in Bhagavad-Gita were: personal reference he, it, she and they. All of demonstrative references appear such as: selective nominal demonstrative, neutral demonstrative adverb. Selective nominal demonstrative that appear in the text namely, reference this (singular and plural). Whereas, neutral demonstrative also appear namely, demonstrative reference the. In addition, comparative reference occur in the book, was general comparison. General comparison that occur was reference similarly. Particular comparison that occur were most, less, and -est. Each of types consists of subtypes of reference items. They were exophoric and endophoric when the presupposed items follow the texts.

Finally, from the analysis, it can be concluded that reference items play the important role in order to build and make a good text because they are required in order to create cohesion in the text.

Keywords: Cohesive device, reference, cohesion, personal, demonstrative, comparative
SYMBOLS

→ = relation/referring (anaphorically or cataphorically)

○ = kind of reference

X = exophoric