

DEIXIS IN TRUMP'S FINAL REMARKS AS PRESIDENT

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Abstract

*This study deals with Deixis, a Greek word which means pointing by language. This study aims at finding the types of Deixis used in Trump's final remarks as president, and finding the types of Deixis most dominantly used in Trump's final remarks as president. Descriptive qualitative design was applied in this research. Having analyzed the data, the findings of this study are: (a) There are three kinds of deixis found in Trump's final remarks as president, they are **person** deixis, **time** deixis and **place** deixis; (b) Person deixis is the most dominantly used in Trump's final remarks as president; **86.86%**. The writer suggests that the students should learn Deixis as clear as possible because it is the most fundamental thing that should be mastered and the teacher or instructor of English language can teach the students about Deixis by using many written forms, such as songs' lyrics, poems, novels, drama's scripts and others.*

Keywords: Deixis, Descriptive Qualitative Design, Person Deixis, Time Deixis, Place Deixis

INTRODUCTION

Receptive and productive skills are two kinds of language skill. Receptive skills are in the form of listening and reading skill, meanwhile in productive skills, there are speaking and writing skills. Then language is learnt in linguistics. Linguistics is a study of language and it is often grouped into psychology, anthropology and cognitive science. According to (Sinaga & Hutahaean, 2020) linguistics is also deals with the meaning expressed by modulations of a speaker's voice and the processes by which the hearer and the reader relate new information they already have.

Linguistics has some branches, some of them are: *Phonology* (the study of speech sound of a particular language), *Psycholinguistics* (Psychological aspects of Language & Linguistics), *Sociolinguistics* (deals with the society and language itself), *Syntax* (deals with sentence formation and structures), *Semantics* (deals with meaning), *Morphology* (deals with word formations), *Stylistics* (style and tones interpretation in languages), *Comparative Linguistics* (Study relating with the dissimilar and similar aspects of languages), *Applied Linguistics* (deals with the application of languages in real life), *Computational Linguistics* (deals with computations and programming), *Historical Linguistics* (the discussion about origins

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and evolution of certain language), *Pragmatics* (deals with the use and the contexts of language, including such matters as deixis, presupposition and others), etc (Prasad, 2019).

In the preliminary research conducted by the writer, some students in university level were found that not all of them understood about types and meaning of Deixis that is why the writer was interested to choose Deixis as her topic in her research by choosing deixis as the topic of her research.

1.1 The Problem of the Study

The problems of this study are:

1. What types of Deixis are used in Trump's Final Remarks as President?
2. What types of Deixis is dominantly used in Trump's Final Remarks as President?

1.2 The Objective of the Study

Based on the problems above, the objectives of the study are formulated as follows:

1. To find out the types of Deixis used in Trump's Final Remarks as President.
2. To find out the types of Deixis most dominantly used in Trump's Final Remarks as President.

1.3 The Scope of the Study

Levinson's theory is the theory used in this research. The speech of Trump in his final remarks as president was the object of the research.

1.4 The Significances of the Study

This study is expected to be useful students of English that help them understand about the topic easier and faster. This study is also expected to be useful also for other researcher to give new perspective and also can be used as references.

Pragmatics

Pragmatics is the study of those relations between language and context that are grammaticalized or encoded in the structure of language. The terms pragmatics covers both context dependent aspect of language structure and principles usage and understanding that have nothing or little to do with linguistic structure. (Rüsch, 2020)

Pragmatics is the ability of person to derive meanings from context of speech situation. It is done when people analyze what people mean by their utterances and what the words or phrases in those utterances might mean by them. Deixis, speech act, implicature, presupposition, politeness and many more

are some sub studies of Pragmatics. (Huang, 2017)

Deixis

Deixis is the term (from Greek) which one of the most basic things we do with utterances; it means pointing by language (Sitorus & Fukada, 2019). (Stapleton, 2017) states that deixis means different things to different people. The term *deixis* to cases where the referent is located using the current speech vent or one or more of its participants as references points.

Deixis is the study that deals with deictic words or indexical expressions in language. It can be thought of as a special kind of grammatical property that is assigned to the familiar categories of time, place, and so on (Levinson, 2004). Deixis can also be interpreted as a pointing or indicating. Pointing means the interpretation of speech depends on the analysis of the context of speech. Several elements of the meaning of deixis are from situations, such as the speaker, the pronoun, the time, and the place where it is used.

Kinds of Deixis

(Nisa et al., 2020) states that deixis can be categorized into five types, they are person deixis, time deixis, place deixis, discourse deixis, and social deixis that can be analyzed through utterances, written text, poem, songs' lyrics, scripts, etc. Three types of deixis, they are: person deixis, time deixis, and place deixis will be the focus of the researcher.

a. Person deixis

Levinson states that person deixis concerns with the encoding of the role participant in the speech event in which the utterance in question is delivered: the category is the first, second and third person. The *first person deixis* are *I, Me, Myself, My, Mine, We, Us, Ourselves, Our, and Ours*. The *second person deixis* are *You, Your, Yourself, and Yours*. Meanwhile *the third person* are *He, His, Him, Himself, She, Her, Hers, Herself, It, It, Its, and Itself*

Examples for first person deixis:

- 1) I want to thank all of *my* family and *my* friends and *my* staff and so many other people for being here.
- 2) That's why *we* have such good and have had such good job numbers.
- 3) *We* didn't have any of those rights before when *I* came on.

Examples for second person deixis:

- 1) If *you* look at the regulations which I consider the regulation cuts to be maybe even more important.
- 2) And *you're* gonna see, *you're* gonna see incredible numbers start coming in.
- 3) I think *you're* going to see those numbers really skyrocket downward

Examples for third person deixis:

- 1) I hope *they* don't raise your taxes.
- 2) But if *they* do, I told you so!
- 3) He himself picked the students up last year.

b. Time deixis

Three parts of time deixis are; before the moment of utterances, at the time of utterances and after the time of utterances.

Examples:

- 1) We are registering it *now*.
- 2) *Then*, it is going to be planted.
- 3) She delivered her speech last *Monday*.

c. Place deixis

There are two parts in past place deixis in past; *here* and *there* but now this deixis is already developed.

Examples:

- 1) *Here* where you will stay with us.
- 2) They met *there*.
- 3) She needs to apply that theory *in this region*.

Trump's Speech

Speech is an activity of speaking in front of many people using good language and can be accepted by the listeners. The contents of the discussion in the speech will explain the ideas and instructions. Not infrequently also people who make speeches will give advice to the listeners. It depends on the context or condition of the speech.

Donald Trump gave his speech in White House for the last time on Wednesday, delivering one final speech as president at Joint Base Andrews in front of family, staff and supporters. The speech ran just under ten minutes. He and First Lady Melania Trump walked up a red carpet to Air Force One for his final flight as president, after which they will begin their post-White House life in Florida.

METHOD

In conducting this study, descriptive qualitative design was used. It is to describe situations, events or occurrences of the basic data were conducted simultaneously with data collection. Qualitative descriptive research generates data that describe the 'who, what, and where of events or experiences' from a subjective perspective (Doyle et al., 2020)

There were some steps doing in collecting the data, they are:

- 1) Visiting some libraries to find out all related references
- 2) Downloading the script of Trump's speech script
- 3) Printing and collecting them all

Having the data, the steps of analyzing the data are:

- 1) Identifying deixis into its types
- 2) Tabulating the frequency
- 3) Classifying the most dominant type of lyrics by this formula:
- 4) Describing and explaining the findings

$$X = \frac{f}{n} \times 100$$

X = the percentage of the items

f = frequency

n = the total number of the items

5) Drawing the conclusion

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Result

Table 4.1
Types of Deixis in Trump's Final
Remarks as President

The Sentences	Types of Deixis		
	Person	Time	Place
Thank you.	You		
Thank you very much.	You		
Thank you.	You		
We love you	You		
Thank you very much, and we love you.	You, we, you		
And I can tell you that from the bottom of my heart.	I, you, my		
This has been an incredible four years. We've accomplished so much together.	We		
I want to thank all of my family and my friends and my staff and so many other people for being here.	I, my, my, my		Here
I want to thank you for your effort, your hard work.	I, you, your, your		
People have no idea how hard this family work. And they worked for you.	You		
They could have had a much easier life, but they just did a fantastic job.	They		
I just want to thank all of you, everyone.	I		
I want to thank Mark Meadows who's here someplace right there I want to thank Mark.	I, I		Here
But it's been, it's been something very special, we've accomplished a lot, our first lady has been a woman of great grace and beauty and dignity.	Our		
And so popular with the people, so popular with the people, in fact, honey, would you like to say a few words?	You		
Being your first lady was my greatest honour.	My		
Thank you for your love and your support, you will be in my thoughts and prayers.	You, your, you		

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God bless you all.	You	
God bless your families, and God bless this beautiful nation.	Your	
What else has to be said, right?		
But what we've done – that's true, honey.	We	
Great job.		
What we've done has been amazing, by any standard, we rebuilt the United States military, created a new force called Space Force that, in itself, would be a major achievement for a regular administration, we were not a regular administration.	We, we	
We took care of the vets – 91 percent approval rating they've never had that before, the vets have given us the VA, the vets have given us an approval rating like has never been before.	We, they	Before, before
We took care of our vets and beautiful vets they were very badly treated before we came along.	We, our, they, we	Before
And as you know, we get them great service and we pick up the bill and they can go out and they can see a doctor, if they have to wait long periods of time.	You, we, them, we, they, they, they	Long periods of time
We got it so that we can, sadly, get rid of people that don't treat our vets properly.	We, we	
We didn't have any of those rights before when I came on.	We, I	Before
So, our vets are happy, our people are happy.	Our, our	
Our military is thrilled.	Our	
We also got tax cuts, the largest tax cut and reform in the history of our country by far.	we	In the history, by far
I hope they don't raise your taxes.	I, they, your	
But if they do, I told you so!	I, they, I, you	
If you look at the regulations which I consider the regulation cuts to be maybe even more important.	You, I	
That's why we have such good and have had such good job numbers.	We	
The job numbers have been absolutely incredible.		
What we started had we not been hit by the pandemic, we would have had numbers that would never have been seen.	We, we	
Already our numbers are the best ever.	Our	
If you look at what happened until February, a year ago, our numbers were at a level that nobody had ever seen before.	You,	Until February, a year ago, before
And even now we really built it twice.	We	now
We got hit, nobody blames us for that, the whole world got it and then we built it again.	We, us, we	
And now the stock market is actually substantially higher than it was at its higher point prior to the pandemic.		now
So it's really – you could say, we built it twice.	It, you, we	

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And you're gonna see, you're gonna see incredible numbers start coming in.	You, you	
If everything is sort of left alone and be careful, very complex.		
Be careful.		
But you're gonna see some incredible things happening.	You	
And remember us when you see these things happening, if you – remember us because I'm looking at – I'm looking at elements of our economy that are set to be a rocket ship up.	Us, you, you, I, I, our	
It's a rocket ship up.	It	
We have the greatest country in the world.	We	In the world
We have the greatest economy in the world and as bad as the pandemic was, we were hit so hard just like the entire world was hit so hard, places that don't they got away with it didn't get away with it, they're suffering right now.	We, we, they, it, they	In the world
We did something that is really considered a medical miracle.	We	
They're calling it a miracle.	They	
And that was the vaccine.		
We got the vaccine developed in nine months instead of nine years, or five years, or 10 years.	We,	In nine months, nine years, five years, ten years
A long time.		A long time
It was supposed to take a long time, many, many years to develop a vaccine. We have two out.	It, we	
We have another one coming almost immediately, and it really is a great achievement.	We, it	
So, you should start to see really good numbers over the next few months.	You	next few months
I think you're going to see those numbers really skyrocket downward.	I, you	
And I can always say this.	I	
We've worked hard.	We	
We've left it all, as the athletes would say, we've left it all in the field.	We, it	
We don't have to – we don't have to come and say we'll never say in a month when we're sitting in Florida, we're not going to be looking at each other and say you know if we only worked a little bit harder, you can't work harder.	We, we, we, you, we, you	In a month
And we had a lot of obstacles and we went through the obstacles.	We, we	
And we just got 75 million votes and that's a record in the history of – in the history of sitting presidents.	We	
That's an all-time record by a lot.	That	
By many million in the history of sitting presidents, it's	It	

been really just an honour.		
One of the things we're very, very proud of is the selection of almost 300 federal judges and three great Supreme Court justices.	We	
That's a very big number that's a record-setting number and so we've done a lot and there's still things to do.	We	
The first thing we have to do is pay our respects and our love to the incredible people and families who suffered so gravely from the China virus.	We, our, our	
It's a horrible thing that was put onto the world.	It	
We all know where it came from, but it's a horrible, horrible thing.	We, it, it	
So be very careful.		
Be very, very careful, but we want to pay great love, great love to all of the people that have suffered, including families who have suffered so gravely.	We	
So with that, I just want to say, you are amazing people. This is a great, great country.	I, you	
It is my greatest honour and privilege to have been your president.	My, your	
I will always fight for you.	I, you	
I will be watching, I will be listening.	I, I	
And I will tell you that the future of this country has never been better.	I, you	
So, just a goodbye.		
We love you.	We, you	
We will be back in some form.	We	
And again, I want to just, in leaving, I want to thank our Vice President Mike Pence and Karen.	I, I, our	
I want to thank Congress cause we really worked well with Congress, at least certain elements in Congress.	I, we	In congress
But we really did.	We	
We've gotten so much done that nobody thought would be possible but I do want to thank Congress and I want to thank all of the great people of Washington, DC, all of the people that we worked with to put this miracle together.	We, I, I, we, we	
So, have a good life.		
We will see you soon.	We, you	
Thank you.	You	
Thank you very much.	You	
Thank you very much.	You	
Thank you.	You	

From the data analysis above, it can be concluded by this table.

Table 4.2

No	Types of Deixis	Frequency	Percentage
1	Person Deixis	158	86.81 %
2	Time Deixis	19	10.44 %
3	Place Deixis	5	2.75 %
Total		182	100%

Discussion

Based on the data analyzed above, the findings of this study are:

- a. There are three kinds of deixis found in , they are *person* deixis, *time* deixis and *place* deixis.
- b. Person deixis is the most dominantly used in John Legend's songs; **86.81%**

CONCLUSION

In this study, it can be seen that there are three kinds of deixis found in Trump's Final Remarks as President, they are *person* deixis, *time* deixis and *place* deixis. Person deixis is the most dominantly used in John Legend's songs; **86.81%**. The suggestions are As deixis must be used in daily communication, it is suggested for the English students to learn Deixis as clear as possible because it is the most fundamental thing that should be mastered. The teacher or instructor of English language can teach the students about Deixis by using many written forms, such as speech scripts, songs' lyrics, poems, novels, drama's scripts and others.

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