

## ABSTRACT

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This thesis is concerned with the language features of female authors in selected short stories in online Jakarta Post. This study aims at describing the kinds of language features used by female authors in selected short stories in online Jakarta Post.

The study used a descriptive qualitative approach supported by tables showing the fragmentation of data. The data were in the form of dialogue (words, phrases, clauses, and sentences) of the characters in short stories in online Jakarta Post.

The result shows that there are seven kinds of language features; 3 intensifier, 13 lexical hedges, 1 tag question, 3 emphatic stress, 1 empty adjectives, 1 avoiding using strong expletives, and 1 precise discrimination used by female authors in selected short stories in online Jakarta Post. (3) Intensifiers features included the expressive function because this feature has a function to intensify the word after it to make people more certain of its meaning. (13) Lexical hedges features included the expressive function because this feature has a function to express a lack of confidence and reflected of women's insecurity. (1) Tag question feature included the directive function because this feature has a function to strengthen the word. (1) Precise discrimination feature include metalinguistic function. (1) Emphatic stress feature include the expressive function because this feature only concerns the word emotional reactions of the specific information. (1) Empty adjective feature include the expressive function because this feature only concerns the word emotional reactions of the specific information.

## MOTTO

*“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged”*

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~ Deuteronomy 31:8 ~

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