AN ANALYSIS OF ENGLISH ABBREVIATION IN SMS USED BY STUDENTS OF BUNG HATTA UNIVERSITY AND PADANG STATE UNIVERSITY

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Abstract
The development of technology influences the way communication. The development of mobile phone as a means of communication enables people to send messages in written form. The purpose of this research is to describe varieties of word formation and the meaning of word in SMS sent by university students in Bung Hatta University and UNP. This research applies theory proposed by Hartman and Stork (1973:53), and used method Sudaryanto (1993:132). The research found that majority of senders use various abbreviation such as by using number, similar sound to replace word, symbol, function and contraction. Since the dominant type of word formation is the cutting, the new word meaning the same as the meaning of words before.

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