# CORPUS LINGUISTICS RESEARCH: ANALYZING THE USE OF PRESENT VERB IN CNN ARTICLES

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## ABSTRACT

In this article, the researcher discusses present verbs. Present verbs are typically employed in the simple present tense to describe events that occur on a regular basis in the present. This article discusses the use of present verbs in twelve news articles on CNN.com. The goal of this research is to determine how many present verbs are used on CNN.com and which present verbs are most often utilized. I chose CNN.com because CNN.com is one of the largest mass media in the world. Mass media was first initiated by Ted Turner and Reese Schoenfeld and was first launched in 1980 and is a subsidiary of WarnerMedia. It is also the first TV channel to broadcast news 24 hours non-stop. The data is collected using a qualitative method, specifically by collecting news from CNN.com. The review reveals the variety of present verb uses in 57 (fifty-seven) news articles on CNN.com in 2020 and the variety of present verbs that are often utilized.

Keywords: present verb, CNN.com, news article

#### ABSTRAK

Pada artikel ini, peneliti membahas present verbs. Present verb biasanya digunakan dalam simple present tense untuk menggambarkan peristiwa yang terjadi secara teratur di masa sekarang. Artikel ini membahas penggunaan present verb dalam dua belas artikel berita di CNN.com. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui berapa banyak present verb yang digunakan di CNN.com dan present verb mana yang paling sering digunakan. Saya memilih CNN.com karena, CNN.com salah satu media massa terbesar di dunia. Media massa pertama kali digagas oleh Ted Turner dan Reese Schonfeld dan diluncurkan pertama kali pada tahun 1980 dan merupakan anak perusahaan dari WarnerMedia. Ini juga merupakan saluran TV pertama yang menyiarkan berita 24 jam non-stop. Pengumpulan data pada penelitian ini dilakukan dengan metode kualitatif, yaitu dengan mengumpulkan berita dari CNN.com. Tinjauan tersebut mengungkap ragam penggunaan present verb dalam 57 (lima puluh tujuh) artikel berita di CNN.com tahun 2020 dan ragam present verb yang sering digunakan. Kata kunci: present verb, CNN.com, artikel berita

#### A. INTRODUCTION

One cannot dispute that English plays a vital role in all sectors of life in our globalized day. It is the world's most frequently spoken language. Nearly 300 million who spoke it into their first language, over 200 million as a second language, including over one billion as a foreign language (Crystal,1997). That suggests that English is an essential aspect of Indonesian education, one of the required subjects from elementary school to higher education. English is used as a mode of interaction in a variety of areas, including the state, judges, entertainment, and academics. English is used as a second language in more than seventy countries (Crystal,1997).

Throughout the context of Indonesia, knowing English well will aid the country's progress for two main reasons. First, progress must be accompanied by scientific and technological expertise. Indonesia has been taught English as a foreign language to a non-native speaker because the Indonesian government recognizes the relevance of English in the globalization period. English is now taught in a variety of settings, including schools and courses. English is one of the most important courses in school and is required as part of the curriculum. Learning English can assist pupils in developing the capacity to adapt their language to new settings.

CNN (Cable News Network, Inc.) is the first 24-hour all-news network on television, and a Warner Media subsidiary. CNN's corporate offices are in Atlanta. CNN was founded by Robert "Ted" Turner, a fiery, honest money manager known as the "Mouth of the South." Turner was born on November 19, 1938, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and moved to Georgia as a kid with his family, where his father had a successful board advertising firm. When his father passed away in 1963, Turner bought the company and expanded it. In 1970, he purchased a little Atlanta television station that broadcasted old movies and program reruns. A few years later, Turner upgraded it to a "major station." He is also the one who thought up the idea.

Nurhayati performed verb use research inside the abstracts of articles published in EFL Asian Studies. Nurhayati's study aims at assessing the verb tense of each movement utilizing 50 (fifty) abstracts of research papers published inside this 2005-2006 Asian EFL publications as the research corpus. The main finding of this study is that the Present simple is the most commonly utilized tense when compared to the others. There are variances and parallels between Nurhayati's research and the research I conducted. The resemblance is in the research approach used, and the focus of this research is corpus research using

English as a foreign language as the foundation. Whereas this distinction is in the field of investigation, Nurhayati studies more than only the present verb.

I also came across publications that looked into the use of verbs in research papers. Reimerink is the author of this article. The goal of this research was to look at the lexical features of medical research publications written in English. The results reveal that there is a separate lexical domain in each portion, which increases the rhetorical function of each section. The findings of studies like these can be put to use in the real world. For example, the above-mentioned sort of handbook might be a useful tool for assisting medical practitioners and translators in the production and translation of research papers. I discovered a lot of variances in this article, but it doesn't imply there aren't any parallels with what I investigated. This article seeks to put the features to the test, whereas my research seeks to determine how many and which verbs are employed in a news report. The scope or premise of Reimerink's essay and my study, namely the corpus of analysis, is comparable.

The goal of this research is to discover the kind of present verb used in CNN.com stories and which present verb is utilized the most. As we all know, news typically depicts a phenomenon that has occurred in the past, so this study was conducted to determine how many present verbs are present in the news, particularly on CNN.com.

## **B.** THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

According to Manzanita (2002:1), verbs are key terms for conveying the meaning of sentences that express action (look, run), occurrence (becoming, occurred), or a state existing (be, live). The verbs might imply that something has previously occurred, that it is currently occurring, or that it will occur in the future. Verbs can change form to represent time-based on the form or person doing the activity.

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Leech (1982:24) define a verb as a doing word that refers to a movement, such as went, gave, moved, sat, and so on. Since of its multiple pairings with nouns, the verb is one of the most represents an important part of speech because it forms the many sorts of sentences-statements, requests, instructions, and exclamations. (Frank, 1942, p. 47). For example, Jacky drives his new car; Her skirt is beautiful; Every Monday in the morning, all schools hold a flag ceremony. The present verb in the simple present tense is also basic facts and feelings.

I analysed the present verb according to the theory from James (2005:4); verbs are one of the parts of speech that demonstrate activity. A verb expresses what something does or how it moves. Learn about the many verbs that may be used to describe desert creatures. It denotes that a verb is active and how it occurs.

## C. METHOD

The present verb in the CNN article is analysed using a descriptive qualitative method for this study. "Qualitative research as an iterative process in which improved understanding to the scientific community is achieved by making new significant distinctions resulting from getting closer to the phenomenon studied" Aspers and Corte (2019, p. 139) "It has also been argued of qualitative data prioritizes getting the most in-depth of single setting studies Airasian, Mills, and Gay (2012: 381); it describes data in the form of an interview, note, observation, and records."

In this study, I analysed 57 (fifty-seven) articles from CCN.com to determine how many present verbs were used and their forms in early 2022. I read news articles on a variety of topics, including business, health, politics, economics, and lifestyle. For example, Chelsea manager Roman Abramovich's shout while in an homage to Ukraine is condemned. Heavy shelling has been heard west and northwest of Kyiv, with two children and many more reported killed.

## D. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

## 1. FINDING

Based on several articles that I have analyzed, this is the present verb found in 57 articles on CNN.com:

No.	Present Verb	Frequency	Percentage
1	Make	75	6,1%
2	Need	103	8,4%
3	Think	37	3,0%
4	Express	4	0,3%
5	Start	35	2,8%
6	Grow	6	0,4%
7	Analyze	7	0,5%
8	Belong	2	0,1%
9	Stay	15	1,2%
10	Suppose	1	0,08%

**Table 1.** Thirty-Three of Present Verb

No.	Present Verb	Frequency	Percentage
11	Check	13	1,0%
12	Get	96	7,8%
13	Study	77	6,2%
14	Effort	18	1,4%
12	Get	96	7,8%
13	Study	77	6,2%
14	Effort	18	1,4%
15	Say	125	10,2%
16	Support	36	2,9%
17	Use	58	4,7%
18	Reduce	9	0,7%
19	Help	55	4,3%
20	Send	7	0,5%
21	Step	17	1,3%
22	Press	11	0,8%
23	Close	9	0,7%
24	Go	38	3,1%
25	Add	13	1,0%
26	Take	59	4,8%
27	Plan	27	2,2%
28	Work	78	6,3%
29	Run	17	1,3%
30	Stand	18	1,4%
31	Respect	6	0,4%
32	Show	41	3,3%
33	Give	28	2,2%
34	Stop	19	1,5%
35	Put	35	2,8%
36	Move	30	2,4%
TOTAL		1,225	100%

## 2. DISCUSSION

The table above shows the most widely used present verb is "say" with a total of 125 points, the second-highest is "need" with a total of 105 points, and the least used is "suppose" with a total of one point. The calculation of this research is 1,225 in fifty-seven articles on CNN.com.

The present verb "say" is most often used based on research because it indicates that they are doing the interview or reporting directly. The word "say" usually exists because it is a direct word, or it can also be a statement of opinion. For example, in the article, "Our objective is to take this (A380) aircraft and put a stub in between the rear doors at the top level," Glenn Llewellyn, vice president of

zero-emission aircraft at Airbus, says in a video broadcast on the Airbus YouTube channels.

# *"At the end of that stub will be a hydrogen-powered gas turbine, "*Airbus YouTube .channel

Based on research, the verb "need" is currently the second most commonly used because the word "need" is often used because it is a basic word and is often used both in text and speech. For example, Whatever you decide to do with your masks, keep them in a dry place (Sulmonte). If you're planning a trip to New Zealand during Covid-19, here is some what you really consider before you go. Visitors of the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, South Korea, the Americas, and Singapore do not need a visa to visit New Zealand. The hazards are unrelated to whether or not the communications are encrypted, according to Scott-Railton, because devices do not necessarily need to be eavesdropped on by the adversary. — they only need to emanate distinct enough signals to be tracked down and perhaps identified. He also pointed out that because Starlink is still a relatively new technology, it hasn't been thoroughly tested in combat zones to detect and analyze potential hazards.

Based on the research, the present verb that is only encountered a little is "suppose." This word is little used because this word cannot make someone believe, while the news is factual and actual and cannot be separated from belief and can be trusted. For example, if the courts refuse to hear it, I suppose it will have to be settled on the streets.

#### E. CONCLUSION

This study found 187 frequencies of present verbs from more than ten news articles on CNN.com. The most commonly used is present verb "show" is most frequently used because every news must show a specific result or phenomenon. The second widely used is "make" because it is the most basic and often used. The third word is usually "study" to make readers believe that the articles on CNN are scientifically based and factual.

We can conclude that the most widely used are these three words, greetings in the simple present tense and other forms. However, CNN News Article contributors use other present verbs as well, such as "say" (125), "need" (103), "get" (96), "work" (78), "study" (77), "make" (75), "take" (59), "use" (58), "help" (55), "show" (41), "go" (38), "think" (37), "support" (36), "put" (35), and the lowest used is the word "suppose" (1).

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