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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. General Remark

Language is the 'species-specific' and 'species uniform' possession of man. It is God's special give to mankind. Without language human civilization as we know it, would have remained and impossibility. Language is ubiquitous. It is present everywhere-in our thoughts and dreams, prayers and meditations, relations and communication, and rituals. Besides being a means of communication, and store house of knowledge. It is an instrument of thinking as well as a source of delight (e.g. singing).

The study of meaning and its manifestation in language is normally referred to 'as semantics' from the Greek noun sema 'sign', signal; and the verb semains signal, mean, signify. The shorter Oxford Dictionary glosses the term semantics as relating to signification or meaning.

Broadly speaking, semantics is that aspect of linguistics which deals with the relations between referents (names) and
referends (things), that is, linguistic levels (words, expressions, phrases) and the objects or concepts or ideas to which they refer and with the history and changes in the meaning of words.

A semanticist would like to find how a man is able to paraphrase, transform, and detect ambiguities and why the surrounding words sometimes force him to choose one interpretation rather than another. A semantic analysis, for example, of English, must also explain antonyms, synonyms, homonyms, polysemy, anomalies, contradiction, paraphrase, relations, ambiguity, implications and transformations of the language. It should give all account of semantic properties and relations. Hence to understand the meaning of a sentence and its semantic relations to other expressions, one must know not only the meaning of its lexical elements but also how they inter-relate.

1.2. The Status of Indonesian

Genetically, Indonesian or Bahasa Indonesia, belongs to the Malayo-Polinesian or Austronesian family of languages. The Austronesian languages are generally subgrouped into: (1) Indonesian, (2) Melanesian, (3) Polynesian, and (4) Micronesian.
According to this - subgrouping the Indonesian subgroup includes the regional languages of Indonesia such as Achinese, Batak, Javanese, etc., Malay as well as languages of Madagascar, the Philippines, and Formosa (Mees 1954:24-26; Dyen 1962:13; 1971:5-17)

Indonesian is the official as well as the national language of the Republic of Indonesia. As the official language Indonesian function as a means of communication in which legislative, executive and judicial affairs are administered.

1.3. The Scope of the Study

This work attempt to study Indonesian verbs of condition particularly based on their semantic features. This work does not cover all verbs of condition. It is limited to only seven types of verbs of condition which consist of ninety one verbs.

Some of the verbs which have been discussed are simple verbs (root verbs which are monomorphemic) and some of them are derived verbs (verbs which are derived from other forms like nouns, adjectives, adverbs, etc. after the addition of affixes).
Verbs (either transitive or intransitive) which are derived from the same root word, have been discussed under the same heading. The verbs have been studied for their concrete as well as abstract meaning; as well as deals with the interrial composition of them.

The orthography which is used to write this language as is fairly phonemic in nature, the same has been used here. Also, some of the conventions of writing which employed in normal writing of Indonesian have been incorporated here as well.

1.4. The Method of Research

In planning and undertaking a scientific project, a scientist has to follow certain well defined procedures. These procedures are generally recognised as the scientific method comprising four main steps, namely (1) observation of the data, (2) intelligent guesses concerning the structure of the data, (3) formation of an hypothesis, ( public verification of the hypothesis (cook 1969:3-4). The first three steps are the basic modus operandi for the writer, since through these steps he can formulate and propose a certain hypothesis about the problem he has investigated.
There are two main sources of data for the present study: (1) speakers of Indonesian as a primary sources (the writer himself is included) and (2) written materials as secondary sources. In addition to these, we also use some monolingual and bilingual dictionaries, the most common one is Kamus Besar Bahasa Indonesia (General Dictionary of Indonesian), published by Department of Education and culture, 1990 edition.

Appendix is given at the end of the work. The verbs which are considered for analysis are listed in the appendix to give a fair idea of the verbs which are included in the work. All verbs have been listed and classified.
CHAPTER II

VERBS OF IMPACT

The verbs grouped here indicate the touch of one object against another object with or without force. The verbs are mainly divided into two subgroups. They are (1) impact with the use of hands and (2) impact with the use of legs.

2.1. Impact with the use of hands

The verbs grouped here indicate an object being beaten with hands. The verbs are divided under the following heads: (1) beating and knocking, (2) cutting, (3) pressing and crushing, (4) scratching and rubbing.

2.1.1. Beating and knocking:

The verbs included here are: memukul, menampar, menempeleng, menepuk, meninju, mengetok, mengetuk and menokok.

2.1.1.1. memukul:

The verb memukul is a general term for 'beating'. It specifies the action of hitting an object with or without the use of an instrument.
1. to hit, to strike

Dia memukul saya.

he hit I

He hit me.

ia memukul saya dengan tongkat.

he hit with stick

He hit me with a walking stick.

Dia memukul kucing itu.

he beat cat

the He beats the cat.

Dia sedang memukul tambur.

he going-on beat drum

He is beating the drum.

2. to serve as in tennis, volley ball, etc.

Sekarang giliran kamu untuk memukul bola.

Now turn you to serve ball

It is your turn to serve.

2.1.1.2. Menampar

The verb menampar expresses the action of hitting an object, usually a human being by using palm.
Dia menampar anak itu.
he slap child the
He slapped the child.
Dia menampar muka saya.
he slap face I
He slapped my face.

2.1.1.3. menempeleng:
The verb *menempeleng* indicates slapping someone—especially on the cheeks.

Guru itu menempeleng muridnya.
teacher the slap pupil-his
The teacher slapped his pupil.
Dia menempeleng muka saya.
he slap face I
He slapped my face.

Note: The verbs *menempeleng* and *menampar* are interchangeable.

2.1.1.4. menepuk

The verb *menepuk* denotes patting someone from behind or from side with the palm.
Dia menepuk bahu saya.
he hit shoulder I
He hit my shoulder.

Dia menepuk temannya dari belakang.
he hit friend-his from behind
He hit his friend from behind.

2.1.1.5. Meninju

The verb meninju indicates hitting an object, usually a human being with the fist.

Dia meninju mulutnya.
she punch mouth-his
She punched him on the mouth.

Dia meninju muka anak itu.
He slug face child the
He slugged the child's face.

Dia meninju lawannya.
He box opponent-his
He boxed his opponent.
2.1.1.6. mengetok

The verb **mengetok** indicates knocking of an object such as door, table, etc. It also indicates removing the dent by tapping.

1. to knock such as door, table, etc.
   
   Dia mengetok pintu.
   
   She knock door
   
   She knocked at the door.
   
   Dia mengetok meja dengan penggaris.
   
   He tap table with ruler
   
   He tapped the table with a ruler.

2. To remove the dent by tapping
   
   Dia mengetok kepenyokan pada kaleng itu.
   
   He tap dent on tin the
   
   He removed the dent of the tin by tapping.

2.1.1.7. Mengetuk:

The verb **mengetuk** also indicates knocking of an object such as door, table, etc.

Dia mengetuk pintu.

He knock door
He knocked at the door.

Dia mengetuk meja dengan pulpen.

He tap table with pen

He tapped on the table with a pen.

2.1.1.8. Menokok

The verb **menokok** denotes hitting an object with a hammer or with other tools.

1. to hammer

Dia menokok paku di dinding.

He hammer nail on wall

He hammered the nail into the wall.

2. To hit as for breaking, such as a rock, etc.

Mereka menokok batu besar itu supaya pecah menjadi kecil-kecil.

They strike rock-big the so that brake become kecil-kecil.

Small pieces

They are striking that big rock so that it will break into small pieces.

3. To knock as a door, a table, etc.

Dia menokok pintu.
he knock door

He knocked at the door.

2.1.2. cutting

The verbs which fall under this group are: **memotong**, memenggal, memancung, menyembelih, mengiris, menyayat, mencincang, menebang, menggergaji, menuai, memangkas, mencukur and menggunting.

2.1.2.1. memotong:

The verb memotong is a general term to indicate 'cutting'.

**It can be used in most of the contexts where the verb expressing 'cutting' is used.**

1. to cut

a. slit with a sharp tool

Dia memotong roti itu menjadi tiga bagian.

She cut bread the be three part

She cut the bread into three pieces.

Dia memotong tali itu dengan pisau.

He cut rope the with knife

He cut the rope with a knife.
b. cut down

Mereka memotong pohon itu.
They cut tree the
They cut down the tree.

c. shorten by cutting or trim

Dia memotong rambutnya.
he cut hair-her
She cut her hair.

Dia memotong kukunya.
He cut nail-her
She cut her nail.

Dia memotong rumput di halaman.
He cut grass in yard
He cut the grass of the yard.

d. to severe

Mereka memotong tangan pencuri itu. they severe hand
thief the They severed the thief's hand.

2. to kill, to slaughter

Dia memotong seekor kambing.
He slaughter one tail goat
He slaughtered a goat.
3. to cut across
   Kami memotong jalan melalui semak-semak ke sekolah.
   We cut across road through bushes to school
   We cut across through the bushes on the way to school.

4. to cut off as clothing material
   Dia sedang memotong bahan pakaian.
   He going-on cut material clothes
   He is cutting the cloth material (for making dresses).

5. to reduce as price, salary. etc.
   Toko itu memotong harga sampai 50%.
   Shop the reduce price up to 50%
   The shop reduced the price up to 50%.

6. To interrupt as a conversation
   Dia memotong percakapan kami.
   He interrupt conversation we
   He interrupted our conversation.

7. to harvest
   Para petani sedang memotong padi.
   The farmer going-on cut paddy
   The farmers are harvesting.
2.1.2.2. memenggal:

The verb *memenggal* is used especially to indicate cutting of the head of a human being (to be-head), or an animal such as chicken, goat, etc. As a result of cutting the object changes into parts but not into small pieces. It cannot be used in connection with non-living beings.

1. to be-head

Mereka memenggal kepala pembunuh itu sebagai hukuman.

They be-head head killer the as punishment

They be-headed the killer as a punishment.

2. to severe

Mereka memenggal tangan pencuri itu.

They severe hand thief the The severed the hand of the thief.

2.1.2.3. memancung:

to be-head; to decapitate

Algojo memancung kepala pembunuh itu sebagai hukuman mati.

Executioner be-head head killer the as sentence death

The executioner be-headed the killer as a death sentence.

Dia memancung kepala kambing itu.
He decapitate head goat the
He decapitated the head of the goat.

2.1.2.4. menyembelih:

The verb menyembelih indicates cutting of the head, especially animal's head such as chicken, goat, etc., for the purpose of eating its meat. It can also be used to express cutting of the head of a human being in the case of violence, to slaughter, to kill

Dia menyembelih seekor kambing.
He slaughter one tail goat
He slaughtered a goat.
Teroris itu menyembelih seorang sandera.
The terrorist butchered a hostage.

2.1.2.5. mengiris

The verb mengiris implies cutting of an object such as vegetable, fish, bread, etc., into pieces.

Dia mengiris sayur-sayuran.
She slice vegetables
She sliced the vegetables.
Dia mengiris daging.
He slice meat
He sliced the meat.

Dia mengiris roti.
He slice bread
He sliced the bread.

2.1.2.6. menyayat

The verb menyayat also indicates cutting of an object into pieces.

Dia menyayat sayur-sayuran.
She slice vegetables
She sliced the vegetables.

Dia menyayat daging.
He slice meat
He sliced the meat.

Dia menyayat roti.
He slice bread
He sliced the bread.

Note: The verbs menyayat and mengiris are interchangeable.

2.1.2.7. mencincang:
to chop into small pieces

Dia mencincang daging. he chop up meat
He chopped the meat into small pieces.

Dia mencincang sayur-sayuran. he chop vegetables
She chopped the vegetables into small pieces.

2.1.2.8. menebang

The verb menebang denotes cutting down a tree or the branches of a tree.

Dia menebang pohon kelapa.
He cut down tree coconut
He cut down the coconut tree.

2.1.2.9. menggergaji :

The verb menggergaji implies cutting of an object by using a saw.

Dia menggergaji kayu itu.
He sawed the log.

Dia menggergaji cabang-cabang pohon itu.
He saw branches tree the
He sawed the branches of the tree.
2.1.2.10. menuai:

The verb **menuai** denotes harvesting rice by cutting each stalk individually close to the ear with **ani-ani** (a kind of cutter especially used for cutting rice stalks).

Para petani menuai padi setiap enam bulan sekali.

The farmer cut paddy every six month once.

The farmers harvest rice every six months.

Mereka sedang menuai padi di sawah.

They going-on cut paddy in wet rice field.

They are harvesting rice in the wet rice field.

2.1.2.11. memangkas:

The verb **memangkas** indicates cutting, especially the top of the plants. It also denotes trimming of hair. It cannot be used to indicate cutting of vegetables, meat, trees, etc.

1. to cut as tip of plants

Dia memangkas pagar tanam-tanaman itu.

He cut fence plants the He clipped the hedge.

2. to cut as hair

Dia sedang memangkas rambut temannya.
She going-on cut hair friend-her
She is cutting her friend's hair.

2.1.2.12. mencukur :

The verb mencukur used with the meaning 'to shave'.

1. to shave
   Dia mencukur rambut temannya.
   He shave hair friend-his
   He shaved his friend's hair.
   Dia mencukur kumisnya.
   He shave mustache-his
   He shaved his mustache.

2. to defeat
   Kesebelasan Medan mencukur kesebelasan Bandung.
   Team Medan beat team Bandung
   Medan's team beat Bandung's team.

Note: In the context no. 2 the verb mencukur is used in the spoken language; and especially used in the football game only.

2.1.2.13. menggunting

The verb menggunting denotes cutting of an object by using a scissor.
1. to cut out as a dress

Dia sedang menggunting pakaian.

She going-on cut dress

She is cutting a dress.

2. to cut as hair

Dia menggunting rambut temannya.

He cut hair friend-his

He cut his friend's hair.

3. to trim as a hedge

Dia menggunting pagar tanam-tanaman itu. she clip fence

plants the She clipped the hedge.

2.1.3. Pressing

The verbs grouped here are: menekan, menindih, memijat, memijit, memencet, menyubit, menjepit, menyekik, meremas, memeras and memerah.

2.1.3.1. Menekan :

The verb menekan is used with the meaning 'to press'.

1. to press

Dia menekan tombol bel.

he press button bell
He pressed the button of the bell.

Dia menekan mukanya ke bantal.

He press face-his to pillow

He pressed his face to the pillow.

2. to suppress

Dia menekan perasaannya.

She suppress feeling-her

She suppressed her feeling.

3. to oppress

Diktator itu menekan rakyat yang lemah.

Dictator the oppress people which weak

The dictator oppressed the weak people.

4. to hold down

Mereka menekan harga penjualan.

They hold down price sale

They hold the sale price down (They reduced the prices).

2.1.3.2. menindih

The verb mendidih indicates pressing of an object with heavy things which are placed on it.
Dia menindih kertas itu dengan batu supaya tidak diterbangkan oleh angin
He press paper the with rock so that not blow by wind
He pressed the paper with a rock so that the wind cannot blow it.
Dia menindih saya dengan badannya yang gemuk itu.
He press I with body-his which fat the
He pressed my body with his fat body.
2.1.3.3. memijat and memijit:
The verbs memijat and memijit denote pressing of an object with fingers:
1. to press
Dia memijat (memijit) tombol itu.
He press button the He pressed the button.
2. to massage
Dia memijat (memijit) badan saya.
He massage body I He massaged my body.
2.1.3.4. memencet:
The verb memencet is also used to indicate pressing of an object with fingers. It cannot be used with the meaning 'to massage'.
Dia memencet tombol.

He press button

He pressed the button.

2.1.3.5. menyubit.

The verb menyubit is used with the meaning 'to pinch'. Dia menyubit tangan saya.

He pinch hand I

She pinched my hand.

2.1.3.6. menjepit:

The verb menjepit denotes holding of an object by pressing it tightly with a pair of tongs, hand or fingers. Kepiting itu menjepit kerang.

Crab the squeeze shell

The crab squeezed the shell.

Dia menjepit bara api itu dengan tang.

He squeeze coal the with pincer

He squeezed the live coals with a pincer.

2.1.3.7. menyekik:

The verb menyekik is used with the meaning 'to throttle'.

Dia mencekik istrinya.
He throttle wife-his

He throttled his wife.

Dia memencet tombol.

He press button

He pressed the button.

2.1.3.8. menyubit .

The verb menyubit is used with the meaning 'to pinch'. Dia menyubit tangan saya.

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She pinched my hand.

2.1.3.9. menjepit :

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Dia menjepit bara api itu dengan tang.

He squeeze coal the with pincer

He squeezed the live coals with a pincer.
2.1.3.10. menyekik :

The verb **menyekik** is used with the meaning 'to throttle'.

Dia mencetak istrinya.

he throttle wife-his

He throttled his wife.

2.1.3.11. meremas :

The verb **meremas** is used with the meaning 'to knead'.

1. to knead.

   Ibu meremas adonan kue.
   Mother knead dough cake
   Mother kneaded the dough.
   Anak itu meremas kerupuk.
   Child the knead chips
   The child kneaded the chips.

2. to squeeze as to remove the liquid

   Dia meremas kain basah.
   She wring cloth wet
   She wrung the wet cloth.

3. to squeeze as part of the body

   Dia meremas tangan saya.
   He squeeze hand I
   He squeezed my hand.
2.1.3.12. memeras and memerah:

The verbs memeras and memerah denote squeezing out liquid.

1. to squeeze out liquid

   Dia memeras (memerah) kelapa.

   She squeeze coconut

   She squeezed the coconut.

2. to squeeze as to remove the liquid

   Dia memeras (memerah) kain basah. She wring cloth wet

   She wrung the wet cloth.

3. to milk

   Dia memeras (memerah) susu sapi. He milked a cow.

4. to black mail

   Dia memeras para pedagang. He black mail the merchant

   He black-mailed the merchant.

Note: In context no. 2 memerah is not commonly used.

2.1.4. Scratching and rubbing

The verbs included here are: menggaruk, mencakar, menggores, menggosok, mengasah, mengikir, menyikat, mengusap, menghapus, menyeka and menyapu.
2.1.4.1. **menggaruk**

The verb *menggaruk* expresses scratching with nails due to itching.

Dia menggaruk kepalanya.

He scratch head-his

He scratched his head.

Dia me nggaruk *tangannya*.

He scratch hand-his He scratched his hand.

2.1.4.2. **mencakar**:

The verb *mencakar* implies scratching with nails which causes a wound or damage.

1. to scratch

   - Dia mencakar muka saya.

   She scratch face I

   She scratched my face.

2. to claw as a bird, a cat, a lion, etc.

   Burung itu mencakar tangannya.

   Bird the claw hand-his

   The bird clawed his hand.
Singa itu mencakar pohon.
Lion the scratch tree
The lion scratched the tree.

3. to scrape as a chicken in search of food
Ayam itu mencakar tanah untuk mencari makanan.
Chicken the scrap earth for search food
The chicken scraped the earth for food.

2.1.4.3. menggores:
The verb menggores is used with the meaning 'to scratch'.

1. to scratch
Dia menggores mobil saya dengan pisau.
He scratch car I with knife
He scratched my car with a knife.

2. to line
Dia menggores kertas dengan pena.
He line paper with pen
He lined the paper with a pen.

Note: The verbs menggaruk and mencakar cannot be used here.

2.1.4.4. menggosok:
1. to rub
Dia menggosok matanya.
He rub eye-his
He rubbed his *eyes*.

2. to scrub
Dia menggosok lantai.
He scrub floor
He scrubbed the floor.

3. to brush teeth with a tooth brush
Dia menggosok gigi.
He brush teeth
He brushed his teeth.

4. to polish
Dia menggosok sepatu.
He polish shoes
He polished the shoes.

5. to play on a violin
Dia menggosok biola.
He play viola
He played violin.

6. to incite
Dia menggosok temannya agar membenci saya.
He incite friend-his so that hate
He incited his friend to hate me.
2.1.4.5. mengasah :

1. to sharpen
   Dia mengasah pedang.
   He sharpen sword
   He sharpened the sword.

2. to file
   Dia mengasah giginya.
   He file teeth
   He filed his teeth.

3. to polish
   Dia mengasah gelang peraknya.
   She polish bangle
   She polished her bangle.

4. to plane
   Papan itu diasah sebelum di cat.
   Board the plane before paint
   The board is planed before it is painted.

5. to exercise as brain
   Dia mengasah otak dengan mengisi teka-teki silang.
   He exercise brain by fill puzzle crossword
   He exercises his brain by doing the crossword puzzle.
2.1.4.6. mengikir :

The verb mengikir indicates filing of an object such as a metal, nail, etc.

Dia mengikir besi.
He file iron
He filed an iron.
Dia mengikir kuku.
She file nail
She filed her nails.

2.1.4.7. menyikat .

1. to brush as teeth

Dia menyikat gigi.
He brush teeth
He brushed his teeth.

2. to brush as shoes

Dia sedang menyikat sepatu.
He going-on brush shoes
He is brushing the shoes.

3. to comb

Dia menyikat rambut.
She comb hair
She combed her hair.
4. to harrow

Mereka menyikat ladang.

They harrow field

They harrowed the field.

5. to steal, to take away

Dia suka menyikat barang orang lain.

He like steal property person other.

He likes to steal other's property.

6. to massacre, wipe out, clean out

Teroris itu menyikat semua sandera dengan senjata.

Terrorist the massacre all hostage with gun

The terrorists massacred the hostages by shooting.

2.1.4.8. mengusap

1. to wipe off as sweat, tear, etc.

Dia mengusap keringat dengan handuk.

He wipe off sweat with towel

He wiped off the perspiration with a towel.

2. to caress, to stroke

Dia mengusap rambut putrinya.

She caress hair daughter-her

She caressed her daughter's hair.
Dia mengusap dadanya.
He stroke chest-his
He stroked his chest.

2.1.4.9. menghapus:

The verb **menghapus** denotes cleaning or removing an object by wiping to wipe off as blackboard, tear, sweat, etc.

Dia menghapus papan tulis.
He wipe off blackboard
He wiped off the blackboard.
Dia menghapus air matanya dengan sapu tangan.
She wipe off tear-her with handkerchief
She wiped off her tears with handkerchief.

Note: The verb *mengusap* also can be used here. However the verb *menghapus* cannot be used with the meaning 'to caress' or 'to stroke'.

2.1.4.10. menyeka:

The verb **menyeka** indicates drying or removing an object by rubbing with a cloth, etc.

1. to wipe

Dia menyeka mukanya dengan sapu tangan.
He wipe face-his with handkerchief
He wiped his face with a handkerchief:
2. to wipe away

Dia menyeka air matanya.
She wipe away tear-her
She wiped away her tears.

3. to wipe up

Dia menyeka susu yang tertumpah.
She wipe up milk which spilled
She wiped up the spilled milk.

Note: The verbs mengusap and menghapus can be used in contexts nos. 1 and 2, however they cannot be used in context no 3. The verb menyeka cannot be used in the case of cleaning the blackboard and with the meaning 'to caress' or 'to stroke'.

2.1.4.11. menyapu :

The verb menyapu implies sweeping such as floor, yard, garden, etc., with a broom.

Dia sedang menyapu lantai.
She going-on sweep floor
She is sweeping the floor.

Dia menyapu kebun.
He sweep garden
He swept the garden.

2.2. Impact with the use of legs

The verbs grouped here indicate an object being beaten with the use of legs. The verbs included here are menyepak, menendang, mendepak and menginjak.

2.2.1. menyepak:

The verb menyepak is used with the meaning 'to kick'.

Dia menyepak bola.
He kick ball He kicked the ball.

Dia menyepak saya.
He kick He kicked me.

Kuda itu menyepak saya.
Horse the kick I
The horse kicked me.

2.2.2. menendang:

The verb menendang As also used with the meaning 'to kick'.

Dia menendang bola.

He kick ball
He kicked a ball.

Dia menendang saya.

He kick I

He kicked me.

Kuda itu menendang saya.

Horse the kick I

The horse kicked me.

2.2.3. mendepak:

The verb **mendepak** is also used with the meaning 'to kick'.

Dia mendepak bola

He kick ball

He kicked the ball.

Dia mendepak saya.

He kick I

He kicked me.

Kuda itu mendepak saya.

Horse the kick I

The horse kicked me.

Note: The verbs **menyepak**, **menendang** and **mendepak** are interchangeable. However the verb **mendepak** is not commonly used in the case of kicking a ball.
2.2.4. menginjak:

The verb **menginjak** is used with the meaning 'to tread' or 'to trample on'.

Dia menginjak kaki saya.

He tread foot I

He trod my foot.

Anak itu menginjak ekor kucing.

Boy the tread tail cat

That boy trod upon the tail of the cat.
THE present study has primarily focussed on the semantic analysis of Indonesian verbs. Since the scope of the work is very wide, we restrict ourselves to a certain extent. There are many limitations in this work. It does not take into account the syntactic and grammatical aspects of the language. This work also does not incorporate all the verbs available in the language. Since there is no general agreement regarding the 'standard' of Indonesian, so the author of present work has taken into consideration the variety which he speaks as the source.

However; this work is substantial and it is hoped to contribute significantly to the field of Malayo-Polynesian or Australian linguistics. This work widens the scope of Indonesian language for further research, especially in the area of semantics.

The following paragraphs highlight the main findings of the present work. There are some verbs which are identical in all their contexts though in some contexts the other verb is not commonly used, but it is usable, and it can be substituted for the
other. For example: (a) the verbs mengetok and mengetuk, (b) the verbs memijat and memijit, and (c) the verbs memeras and memerah.

Usually the restrictive meaning of the verbs are explained in most of the dictionaries, either monolingual or bilingual. But in this work an attempt has been made to provide a full information of these verbs.

In conclusion: the author has tried to present an appropriate semantic analysis of the Indonesian verbs, keeping in mind the various limitations of such a work.

The author hopes that the present research will be beneficial and will be the guiding spirit for future researchers in this particular area of specialization in linguistics in Indonesia.
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