

Word Formation Processes of Registers Used in Football Banter Community Page: A Sociolinguistics Study

Proses Pembentukan Kata dari Register yang digunakan di Halaman Komunitas Football Banter: Studi Sociolinguistik

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Abstract

The study aims to identify the types of word formation processes of registers used in football banter community. This study was conducted by using descriptive qualitative research which are reading and documentation method. The data was taken from Facebook on the page of football banter community in the period of 2016 to 2022. The data was collected by register theory of Wardhaugh (2006) and analyzed by using the theory of Yule (2010) about word formation processes. The results of this study showed that there were 20 registers found in football banter community page. Based on the analysis, the 20 registers were categorized into 8 types of word formation processes with the result as follows: 4 data of borrowing; 3 data of coinage; 3 data of derivation; 1 data blending; 3 data of compounding; 3 data of acronym; 2 data of conversion; 1 data of multiple. The results showed that the most dominant type of word formation processes is borrowing process. Therefore, the forming of a new word especially register is always gone through a process of word formation processes.

Kata kunci:

Register, proses pembentukan kata, komunitas football banter

Abstrak

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi jenis-jenis proses pembentukan kata register yang digunakan dalam komunitas Football Banter. Penelitian ini dilakukan dengan menggunakan penelitian kualitatif deskriptif dengan metode membaca dan dokumentasi. Data diambil dari Facebook pada laman komunitas Football Banter pada periode tahun 2016 hingga 2022. Pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan menggunakan teori register dari Wardhaugh (2006) dan dianalisis dengan menggunakan teori Yule (2010) tentang proses pembentukan kata. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa terdapat 20 register yang ditemukan di halaman komunitas Football Banter. Berdasarkan analisis, 20 register tersebut dikategorikan menjadi 8 jenis proses pembentukan kata dengan hasil sebagai berikut: 4 data borrowing; 3 data coinage; 3 data derivation; 1 data blending; 3 data compounding; 3 data acronyms; 2 data conversion; 1 data multiple. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa jenis proses pembentukan kata yang paling dominan adalah proses borrowing. Oleh karena itu, pembentukan suatu kata baru khususnya register selalu melalui proses proses pembentukan kata.

INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, people do not want to waste their time by reading a newspaper, thus they preferred to read it on their own smartphone. There are a lot of websites and social media where people can reach the updated and hottest news nowadays, for the example is Facebook. Launched in a Harvard dormitory in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg, Eduardo Saverin, Chris Hughes, and Dustin Moskovitz, Facebook has become a media platform that is often used by many people today.

One thing that make many people attracted with this platform is the existence of groups or communities that suit everyone's hobbies and interests. One of the most followed communities is the football fan community, for the example is football banter community. There are plenty of register that can be found in football banter community page such as the specific words that can be only understand between the user interactions in football community. According to Wardhaugh (2006), registers are collections of vocabulary words related to particular occupational or social groups. e.g., hattrick, Corner kick, winger etc. Thus, the way people use language, knowledge, and word choices become the main reason for selecting this study's topic.

In the other side it becomes interesting to identify and analyze the meaning of the register and how the register are formed to be main research subject of this study. For instance, the word "Balloon d'Or" in football is an honor that is given annually to the greatest player in the world. Additionally, the word "Ballon d'Or" is derived from other language which is French. Therefore, "Ballon d'Or" is categorized into borrowing process.

Based on the explanation above, this study focuses on the register meaning which relates to the theory that is purposed by Wardhaugh (2006). Afterwards, the registers that found in football banter community page are analyzed by using the theory of Yule (2010).

METHODS

The descriptive qualitative research method was applied in this study. Additionally, Reading and documenting approaches were used in this qualitative research for collecting data. The procedure of reading and documenting contained the following steps: searching, reading, and documentation. Moreover, several actions were taken in analyzed the data: 1) Discovered all registers, 2) Described the meaning of registers by using football language glossary from www.languagecaster.com, www.fifa.com, and other sources related to football sport, 3) Classified the register words based on Yule's (2010) classification of word formation processes into the table.

RESULT AND DISSCUSSION

Result

Twenty data (which are register) were found from football banter community pages on Facebook, considering that this community was just established in 2016. These data were compiled into a table as follows:

Tabel 1. Register Words Found in Football Banter Community

No	Register Words	Example in sentence
1	Offside	"I told the referee through the microphone that the goal was offside, but he did not respond, and at the end of the match, he said that the headset was not working."
2	FIFA	"This was a straight red card but FIFA protected Messi as their boy so he could win the WORLD CUP."

3	Penalty	“Ronaldo missed a penalty against a small team Middlesbrough in the FA cup.”
4	Leggy	“We look tired. That early Rashford goal would have driven us on before but we look leggy.”
5	Hattrick	“Today he proved it by scoring hattrick. The world cup is coming to Cameroon.”
6	Ballon d’Or	“Cristiano Ronaldo sold his 2013 Ballon d’Or to an Israeli Billionaire for 600,000\$.”
7	Tiki Taka	“Xavi is back with Tiki Taka”
8	Clean-Sheet	“No goalkeeper has ever kept a clean-sheet when Christiano Ronald scored against.”
9	VAR	“BeinSport showed the ball was out. We all saw it. But VAR didn’t see it.”
10	BBC	“BBC! How good was this trio? When Real Madrid C.F. put 6 past Schalke, on this day in 2014.”
11	Preseason	“Arsenal preseason games how many wins.”
12	Midfielder	“Before you compare Ronaldo’s number to anyone, always remember he did it playing first 6years as a midfielder.”
13	4-4-2	“Only 2 in Total against Norwich and Burnley. It doesn’t matter which system Arteta deploys, 4-3-3, 4-2-4, 4-2-3-1, 4-4-2.”
14	4-3-3	“Only 2 in Total against Norwich and Burnley. It doesn’t matter which system Arteta deploys, 4-3-3, 4-2-4, 4-2-3-1, 4-4-2
15	4-2-3-1	“Only 2 in Total against Norwich and Burnley. It doesn’t matter which system Arteta deploys, 4-3-3, 4-2-4, 4-2-3-1, 4-4-2.”
16	Bicycle Kick	“Ibrahimovic scored a bicycle kick from over 30 yards (longest bicycle kick).”
17	GOAT	“My goat is nothing without Barcelona. You keep on shaming us in front of Ronaldo fans.”
18	Skipper	“Legendary Nigeria Skipper Austin Okocha was one of the important personality presents at Thursday’s Europa League tie between his former clubs Fenerbahce and Frankfurt.”
19	Winless	“Watford are on a 19game winless streak.”
20	Bottled	“When AC Milan bottled a 3-0 lead against Liverpool.”

Discussion

In this part, the register words that have been found in the Football Banter community will be described. Look up several glossaries by experts about the football game, such as www.fifa.com and www.languagecaster.com. Then it would be analyzed using Yule's theory of word formation processes.

1. Offside

Offside is a situation when an attacking team player goes past the final defender, the game is stopped and the defending team is awarded a free kick (Liu, et al., 2015). However, there are some qualifications that has been made and set by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) regarding “offside” in the law of the game.

According to the word formation processes of register “offside” is using the process called blending processes (Yule, 2010). Blending procedures are often performed by linking the beginning of one word to the conclusion of another. In addition, based on

the historical that word “offside” is came from military field that is “off the strength of your side”. In this case, the register word of “offside” is formed by blending processes by taking the first one word (off), then combined with the end of the word (side).

2. FIFA

FIFA is the governing body of association football, futsal, and beach soccer around the world. The name of FIFA was taken from French, it is “*Federation Internationale de Football Association*”. It was established in May 21st 1904 to supervise international competition between the national associations of Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. There are more than 200 countries have joined FIFA so far.

In this case, FIFA uses a word formation process called multiple processes. It indicates that it is feasible to track the activity of multiple processes at work in the production of a specific word. (Yule, 2010). The first one is acronym; These are new words generated from the first letters of previous words. Here, the word FIFA comes from the initial letters of each word, from “*Federation Internationale de Football Association*”. The second one is by using the borrowing processes, that is the taking over of words from other languages. There are a lot of people who do not realize that “FIFA” originally came from French language, which is “*Federation Internationale de Football Association*”.

3. Penalty

If a player commits a direct free kick offence inside their penalty area, the International Football Association Board (IFAB) under game law number 14 specified penalty is awarded. An instant goal may result from a successful penalty kick. According to Yule (2010), the process of adopting words from other languages is known as borrowing. The word “penalty” is borrowed from Middle French that is “*pénalité*”, as a result the word formation processes of “penalty” can be categorized into borrowing process.

4. Leggy

The word “Leggy” literally means has a long leg, meanwhile in the football context which usually use by the fans or an expert in football, the word “leggy” can be addressed to players who have problems in their legs because they have run out of energy. Back a few hundred years ago in the 18th century, meant having long legs, and was used, for example, to talk about horses. It was often negative, so a leggy horse – a horse with long legs – was not expected to be a good racing horse: perhaps their running style would not be smooth, they would be ungainly. And this negative feeling about the word has been kept when we use it in football. When you say a player is leggy, or she looks a bit leggy on the pitch, you mean they look tired. The player is not running very fast, they lack energy, and maybe the fans can see they are running in an unnatural was. Basically, the conversion process was applied in the forming of the word “leggy”, according to Yule (2010) A specific English word gets converted into a noun, verb, adverb, or adjective without any reduction as part of the word formation process known as conversion. In this case the word “leggy” was come from a noun (leg), then it has been converted into an adjective by adding suffix -y. Hence the word becomes “leggy” which is an adjective.

5. Hatrick

A player scores three goals in one game to earn a hat trick, however the phrase “hat trick” didn’t originate on the football field. The term dates back to 1858 and refers to cricket. As a result, the term “hatrick” has been used in various sports, including football. In contrast, a player who gets three goals in 90 minutes or 120 minutes of additional time is regarded as having scored a hat-trick in football. In this case, the word “hatrick” is created by combining two different words to create a single form; this process is known as compounding. (Yule, 2010). Then, the first word is taken from “hat” which is came from the gift (symbolized by a hat) the player achieved once he scores three goals in a game.

The second word is “trick” represents a trick or magic that a magician performed by using a hat, because the historical of a magician since they became popular in mainland Europe were using a hat.

6. Ballon d’Or

The Golden Ball, or Ballon d’Or award is presented to the world’s top player each year but when this award first started back in 1956 only European players were eligible to win it. According to the football statistics page, the competition was started by French football magazine ‘France Football’ who awarded the first ever European Player of the Year trophy to Englishman Stanley Matthews. The word “Ballon d’Or” is derived from other language which is French. It can be analyzed by its history which was come from French language published on French football magazine. Hence, the word formation processes of “Ballon d’Or” can be categorized into borrowing processes.

7. Tiki Taka

Tiki taka is a term used to describe a playing style that emphasizes short, intricate, accurate passing, with the primary aim being to keep possession for long periods. The term tiki taka became known when broadcaster Andres Montes from Spain commented on television station La Sexta for the 2016 World Cup. When Spain played against Tunisia, Montes used the term tiki-taka to describe the short and accurate passing style of the Spanish players. “*Estamos tocando tiqui taca*” he said. The word “Tiki Taka” can be categorized into borrowing processes, because it involves the adoption of vocabulary from different languages as the written history said that word “tiki taka” was come from Spanish language with the origin word “tiqui taca”.

8. Clean-sheet

The term “clean-sheet” has origins in an era when technology was limited and there were no computers to maintain score. As a result, if one team did not allow any goals throughout a game, there was no mark next to their name and their scoresheet was considered to be “clean.”. Therefore, the term “Clean-sheet” can be used to describe a situation in which the defense and goalkeeper are able to prevent the opposition from scoring until the time expires. The word “clean-sheet” is derived from word clean and sheet. Clean as an adjective means free from dirt, while sheet as a noun means a rectangular piece of paper. Then, it is combined would have a different meaning. In Football context, the word clean-sheet means a goalkeeper succeeds to keep the scores with no goals. That is why the word clean-sheet is categorized into compounding category of word formation process. As stated by Yule (2010) that combining two separate terms to create a single form is known as compounding.

9. VAR

(Video Assistant Referee) according to Spitz *et al.*, (2020) is a new technology in football gameplay, it is managed by an assistant VAR (AVAR) and replay operator who assists the main referee. (the person in charge of a game) to make decisions during a game using film recorded at the game. The VAR will inform the referee in cases of mistaken identity, to prevent the wrong player being cautioned or sent off, and a VAR able to check and review the incident then gives immediate feedback via a headset to main referee. Regarding how the word VAR was created, it definitely had a process which has been passed, it was word formation processes. However, the register VAR stands for Video Assistant Referee (a new technology in football to help the main referee in preventing any mistakes and errors), this term was created by selecting the first letter of each word and combining them into one. In hence, the acronym process was applied to this word because it is made up of the first letters of several other words, and the pronunciation consists of speaking each letter (Yule, 2010).

10. BBC

Generally, people know that The British Broadcasting Corporation is shortened as BBC, which is one of TV channels in United Kingdom. However, in the field of football, the abbreviation BBC has a different connotation. In Real Madrid BBC refers to Bale, Benzema, and Cristiano. BBC went viral because they were able to give glory to Real Madrid in Europe, since they won four champions league trophies in five years. Moreover, by looking at the word formation processes of “BBC” which stands for Bale, Benzema and Cristiano, it is made by reading the first letters of any or all of the words in the phrase or title independently. In this case the “BBC” is read separately by each letter and written in capital letter, it means that acronym process was applied to this word. In addition, an acronym is a new term generated from the first letters of many other words. (Yule, 2010).

11. Preseason

In the field of football, preseason is the period before the regular season starts, while season here it refers to the time of year when regular games are held. A preseason precedes the regular season. Players must return to the club at this period to begin preseason training. Teams need to prepare before the season starts so they use preseason to help their players recover, get fit and work on new tactics and ideas for the new season. The word “preseason” is derived from the prefix (pre-) which indicates before of something and followed by phrase (season) which is a noun. According to the data found, register “preseason” could be categorized into derivation category of word formation processes. As stated by Yule (2010) derivation is one of the word creation processes used to create new words through the addition of affixes.

12. Midfielder

In a simple way the meaning of word “Midfielder” is defined as someone who performs in the middle part of the field; typically, an all-round player. Midfielders are capable of playing an entirely defensive role, interrupting up attacks, and are referred to as defensive midfielders. The word “midfielder” is formed from phrase midfield which is a noun with the origin definition as the central part of the field in football and followed by a suffix (-er) to represent the person who are involved. Derivation processes, according to Yule (2010), are one of the word formation processes used to produce new words through the use of affixes. As the result, the process of derivation was definitely applied in the forming of the word “midfielder”.

13. 4-4-2

The 4-4-2 football configuration consists of three separate lines. Two center-backs and two full-backs make up the four-defender back line. The 4-4-2 formation is popular because it offers teams with balance, and it arose at a time when teams used tremendously attacking strategies that overloaded forward areas. 4-4-2 can be categorized into coinage process since it becomes a general term to say a formation or a strategy that is used by a football team. As stated by Yule (2010) The coinage process is a method of developing new words by employing the most common sources that are invented in order for the new word to become a generic term.

14. 4-3-3

This is a football formation made up of three key layers that is often seen as an attacking formation. The goalie is guarded by four defenders (a right back, two center backs, and a left back). Three central midfielders, who can be structured in a variety of ways, are in front of them. Finally, the offensive is led by a front three, which typically consists of two wingers and a central striker who acts as the centerpiece in the attacking phase. Since it is now used to refer to a football team's formation or strategy in general, the 4-3-3 formation may be categorized into word formation processes of the coinage process. As stated by Yule (2010) The coinage process is a method of developing new words by

mentioning the most prevalent sources that are invented in order for the new word to become a generic term.

15. 4-2-3-1

The 4-2-3-1 formation is popular because it is a balanced formation that allows teams to have a good defensive and offensive structure. This pattern began to be used frequently in 2010. Additionally, this formation is flexible and can be adapted to different tactics and styles of play. The 4-2-3-1 has become a general term to state or mention a formation used in football, therefore the 4-2-3-1 is categorized into word formation processes of the coinage process.

16. Bicycle kick

"Bicycle kick" is not actually a kick using a bicycle, in football field the bicycle kick means a kick by jumping, then one foot reaches the ball in the air with one swing simultaneously with the other leg as a pusher so that the kicker's position looks rotating with the foot position above while the head is below, that's why it can be said as bicycle kick as its movement looks like a player is riding a bicycle. The word "bicycle" and "kick" are two individual English words with two individual meanings. As a noun, the term "bicycle" refers to a vehicle with two wheels held in a frame, one behind the other, driven by pedals and controlled by handlebars attached to the front wheel. However, the word "kick" here which is a noun as well means a blow or forceful thrust with the foot. Thus, those two individual words are joined become one as "bicycle kick" which has its own meaning. Therefore, in football context it can be explained as one of kick style whose movement resembles that of a person on a bicycle. That's why the word "bicycle kick" is categorized into compounding process.

17. GOAT

Actually, this term "GOAT" is not only related to the sport of football, you could say that almost every sport has its own figures, that's why sometimes an athlete poses with a goat. However, the word GOAT itself stands for "Greatest of All Time". Based on the sentence "My goat is nothing without Barcelona." The word GOAT here stands for "Greatest of All Time" that is Lionel Messi which play in the great club Barcelona Football Club. Therefore, the word "GOAT" here can be categorized into the word formation processes of acronym, because it is produced by selecting the first letters of each word and can be read as a word.

18. Skipper

In football context, the word "skipper" is representing the captain or leader of a football team. A skipper can be identified by the wearing of an arm-band during matches. Officially, the only duty of the captain is to participate in the pre-match coin flip. In addition, the word "skipper" originally came from the Dutch *schipper*, sometimes this word is also used for the person in charge of a ship or boat and the captain of a team or the pilot. The word "skipper" originally came from Dutch that is *schipper* with the original meaning the captain of the ship or boat. Therefore, the word "skipper" is classified into word formation processes of borrowing process. In this case, the Dutch language was borrowed to produce word "skipper".

19. Winless

In football game, when a team goes a long time without winning it is commonly said that they are on a winless streak or winless run. For example, "Watford are on a 19 game winless streak". Additionally, the opposite of a winless streak would be a winning streak. The term "winless" comes from "win" with the original meaning of "an act of achieving victory especially in a game or contest" and followed with suffix -less that is an adjective suffix which means "without". As a result, the word "winless" is categorized into

word formation processes of derivation process, since there is an affix attached in the process of forming the word “winless”.

20. Bottled

In football, the phrase “bottled” something is represent an act of throwing away a lead or a gold chance of winning when you have been on the front foot. More specifically, it is when a team in a leading position but it is immediately threatened by the opposing team, as the result it would impact the outcome of the match or competition. The word “bottled” is categorized into word formation processes of conversion process, since it is derived from the phrase “bottle” which is a noun. Meanwhile in this case, the phrase of “bottle” has been converted into a category of verb by adding a suffix -ed which means the use of the time in past, then it changes to be “bottled”. As explained by Yule (2010) that a conversion can change the function of a word.

CONCLUSION

According to what has been discussed in the previous chapter which contains findings and discussions, it may be concluded that the word formation processes were definitely impacted the registers that found in a Facebook’s community of football namely football banter community. It may be shown as 8 kinds of word formation processes were adapted into 20 data of registers in football banter community. There are 3 data of coinage, 4 data of borrowing, 3 data of derivation, 1 data of blending, 3 data of compounding, 3 data of acronym, 2 data of conversion, 1 data multiple proses. Hence, the word formation of borrowing process is the most frequently used.

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