Direct and Indirect Expressive of Illocutionary Acts in the Movie “Big Hero 6”

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Abstrak


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1. Background

Language has existed since the earliest human life in a social circumstance and is used for communicating to each other in everyday life. Communication does not only involve the language uttered by the speakers but also the action done by them. Speech is the utterance that occurs and act refers to the action. There are three basic senses in which something is said, one is doing something, and hence three kinds of acts that are simultaneously performed:
locutionary, illocutionary, and perlocutionary acts (Levinson, 1983:236). From those three types of speech acts, illocutionary acts is considered quite complex.

When the speaker utters something, the real meaning of the utterance often confuses the hearer because the speaker sometimes tends to utter it in indirect way. Therefore, this study was conducted to find out the problem from that phenomenon. In order to make the discussion more relevant, this study will only focus on analyzing one type of illocutionary acts, namely expressive and to analyze the meaning of the utterances interpreted by the hearers in a movie entitled “Big Hero 6”. The point of expressive illocutionary act is simply to express the sincerity condition of the speech act that states what the speaker feels, such as pleasure, joy, like, dislike, apologizing, congratulating, and thanking.

As the object of this study, the movie “Big Hero 6” is very interesting to discuss because it is a very well-known movie watched over by millions of people all around the world and has a great plot. It was never discussed previously in any undergraduate theses as its object of study; therefore this movie was observed and discussed in this study. This movie is about special bond that develops between plus-sized inflatable robot Baymax, and prodigy Hiro Hamada as a main character, who team up with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes.

2. Problems of the Study

From the previous explanation, there are two problems appearing to be discussed:

1) What types of expressive of illocutionary acts found in the movie “Big Hero 6”?  
2) What are the meanings of the utterances interpreted by the hearers?

3. Aims of the Study

Every research has a specific aim or an expected objective that has to be achieved. The specific aims to be achieved in this study are:

1) To identify the types of expressive illocutionary acts found in the movie “Big Hero 6”.

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2) To explain and analyze what meaning of expressive utterances of illocutionary acts are interpreted by the hearer.

4. Research Method

4.1 Data Source

Data source was chosen in order to support the validity of the study. The data were taken from a movie entitled Big Hero 6. This movie was chosen as an object of this study because it contains a lot of illocutionary acts, especially expressive. Moreover, it was never discussed previously in any undergraduate theses as its object of the study. Ultimately, the complexity of the meaning of the utterances uttered by the speaker was very worth analyzing especially in a movie with action-adventure genre.

4.2 Method and Technique of Collecting Data

In conducting this study, the method used in collecting the data was observation since the data were obtained from the spoken source like film. There were five steps done in collecting the data. First, the movie was downloaded from the internet. Second, the movie was watched several times to obtain which utterances were categorized as expressive illocutionary acts. Third, from the conversation in the movie, the utterances of expressive illocutionary act were written down. Fourth, the data were identified and when there were many data found in the movie in which potentially to be inserted as data; the data were shrunk into particular one used to support the analysis. Last, the grouped data was bold-typed and classified into the types of expressive illocutionary act.

4.3 Method and Technique of Analyzing Data

The method used in this study is the descriptive qualitative method. After collecting the relevant data; there are several steps of analyzing data. First, analyzing the direct and indirect type of expressive illocutionary acts found in movie “Big Hero 6”. The data were grouped and classified into its categorization based on the types of expressive illocutionary acts using a theory proposed by Searle (1996) supported by Yule (1996). Next, to analyze the meaning of expressive of illocutionary acts that can be
interpreted by the hearers using the theory of context of situation (S-P-E-A-K-I-N-G model) proposed by Dell Hymes (1972).

5. Result and Discussion

5.1 Direct of Expressive of Illocutionary Acts

In this analysis, there are six conversations considered direct of Expressive of Illocutionary Act found in the movie ‘Big Hero 6’.

5.1.1 Thanking

Data 1

Hiro : I know what you’re going to say. “I should be proud of myself, because I’m finally using my gift for something important.”

Tadashi : No no. I was just gonna tell you, your fly was down for the whole show.

Hiro : Ha-ha-ha-hilarious, What?

Tadashi : Welcome to nerd school, nerd

Hiro : Hey, I, um... I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you. So, you know, thanks for not giving up on me.

(Tadashi smiles to Hiro)

Utterance in Data 1 is identified as an expressive illocutionary act since there is a certain force that the speaker expresses by saying the utterance. That force is called expressive for thanking since the speaker does not only say the utterance but also performs an action of thanking towards the hearer’s prior action. The speaker’s utterance in Data 1 is also identified as direct speech act because the speaker utters his sentence literally and means as what he says. The meaning of the utterance is that Hiro feels so grateful that he has a kind-hearted brother like Tadashi who always motivates and supports him during his hard times; therefore, he can finish his microbot satisfactorily.

5.1.2 Congratulating

Data 2

Fred : You have nothing to fear, little fellow.

Honey Lemon : He’s so tense.

Hiro : No, I'm not.
Honey Lemon: Relax, Hiro. Your tech is amazing. Tell him, go go.

Go Go: Stop whining. Woman up.

Hiro: I'm fine!

Yule (1996) stated that congratulating, applauding, and condoling are the kinds of expressive for congratulating. Those show the speaker’s sympathy toward what has been happening to the hearer. Data 2 is identified as expressive for applauding since Honey Lemon expresses her feeling of honour toward Hiro’s ability in inventing the microbots. It is also identified as direct speech act because the speaker utters her sentence literally as what she actually says. The meaning of the utterance is that Honey Lemon wants to praise Hiro for his ability in inventing the microbots. Moreover, she utters that utterance in order to convince Hiro before his turn to demonstrate his microbots on stage because he feels so.

5.1.3 Attitude

Data 3

Hiro: I thought about what you said. Really inspired me.
Aunt Cass: Oh, honey, that's so great.
Hiro: Okay,
Aunt Cass: special dinner tonight. I'll whip up some chicken wings. You know, with the hot sauce that makes our faces numb.
Hiro: Okay, sounds good.
Aunt Cass: Great! Last hug.
Hiro: (Hiro runs trying to stop Baymax) Baymax! Baymax!
(People who passes the road say “Hey!, Watch it!”)
Hiro: Baymax! Baymax! Are you crazy? What are you doing?
Baymax: I have found where your tiny robot wants to go.
Hiro: I told you, it’s broken. It's not trying to go...

Yule (1996) stated that expressive for attitude is the kind of expressive illocutionary act for criticizing, complaining, and deprecating. It shows the speaker’s feeling of disagreement or dislike with the hearer’s attitude (Yule:1996). In this case, there is only one kind of expressive for attitude that is identified from the data source. It
is direct complaining. Data 3 is identified as expressive for attitude since Hiro as the speaker is performing an act of disagreement with Baymax’s attitude. It is also identified as direct speech act because the speaker utters his sentence literally and the meaning is exactly as what he says. The meaning of the utterance is that Hiro disagrees with Baymax attitude that he follows the pointed direction by tiny microbot. He crosses the road carelessly which causes the cars to be braked suddenly.

5.2 Indirect of Expressive of Illocutionary Acts

There are two conversations which are considered indirect of expressive of illocutionary act found in the movie Big Hero 6.

5.2.1 Apologizing

**Data 4**

Prof. Callaghan : I wouldn't trust krei tech with your microbots, or anything else.
Mr. Krei : Hiro, I'm offering you more money than any 14-year old could imagine.
Hiro : *I appreciate the offer, Mr. krei, but they're not for sale.*
Mr. Krei I thought you were smarter than that.

Data 4 is identified as expressive for apologizing since Hiro does not want to sell his microbots to Mr. Krei. The utterance “I appreciate the offer, Mr. krei, but they're not for sale” is also identified as indirect speech act because the speaker has more meaning by saying the utterance. The meaning is to express his apology that he does not want to sell his microbots to Mr. Krei. However, he also says that he appreciates Mr. Krei’s offering in order to show his polite and formal attitude to the owner of the Krei Tech.

5.2.2 Greeting

**Data 5**

Hiro : "Honey lemon"? "Go go"? "Wasabi"?
Wasabi : I spill wasabi on my shirt one time, people. One time!
Tadashi : Fred is the one who comes up with the nicknames.
Hiro : Who's Fred?
Fred : *This guy, right here!* Don't be alarmed. It is just a suit. This is not my real face and body. The name's Fred. School mascot by day, but by night. I am also a school mascot.

Data 5 is identified as expressive for greeting since Fred and Hiro meet for the first time. The result that the speaker wants to achieve is to greet the hearer by saying “This guy, right here!” That utterance is also identified as indirect speech act. It means that the speaker has more meaning by saying the utterance. The meaning of the utterance is that Fred wants to make an unforgettable first impression for Hiro because they just meet each other for the first time. He wears a dragon costume and greets Hiro suddenly making him shocked.

5.2.3 Wishing

Data 6

Aunt Cass: *(Aunt Cass enters Hiro’s bedroom to give him food)* Hey, sweetie.

Aunt Cass: Mrs. Matsuda's in the cafe. She's wearing something super inappropriate for an 80-year-old. That always cracks you up. You should come down.

Hiro: Maybe later.

Aunt Cass: The university called again. It's been a few weeks since classes started. But they said it's not too late to register.

Hiro: Okay. Thanks. I'll think about it.

Data 6 is identified as expressive for wishing. The speaker expresses what she hopes to come true as what she is expected. The utterance “But they said it's not too late to register” is also identified as indirect speech act. It means the utterance above has another meaning than what it is actually said. The literal meaning is that Aunt Cass informs Hiro that it is not too late to register yet. Meanwhile, the indirect meaning is Aunt Cass hoping Hiro to register to the San Fransokyo Institute of Technology. In this case, Aunt Cass as the speaker does not only utter the utterance to the hearer but also perform an act of wishing and expecting that it will become a reality.
6. Conclusion

Expressive as one of five types of illocutionary acts is simply to express the sincerity condition of the speech acts stating what the speaker feels. In this study, all of the six types of expressive of illocutionary acts were found in the movie “Big Hero 6” whether in direct and indirect speech acts. In order to obtain the right interpretation of the meanings behind the utterances, the hearer should consider the context of situation of the utterance. The context of situation is required since an utterance spoken by the speaker may carry more than one meaning in different context.

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