

## COMPOUND WORDS OF GAME NAMES USED IN PLAY STORE

### COMPOUND WORDS PADA NAMA GAME DI PLAY STORE

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**Abstract:** *This research focuses on analysing compounding processes in game names used in play store. It's also done to find out the word meaning formed. To answer this challenge, the theory of compounding by Yule and Plag were applied as the main theory and some other theories from some references such as book written by Prihandini and Haryanto. Methods used in this research is descriptive analysis method, that is by describing the data found in some play stores. The result shows that there is compounding process, that is endocentric compound representing the word meanings. Compounding process plays important role in language development. It is proven by the existence of compounding process, it creates some new words with their new meanings used in games names in playstore such as Mousebusters, Plague Defender, Skylanders, and Starfighters. Compounding process also helps the reader to understand the new meaning of the new words formed.*

**Keywords:** *compounding, endocentric compound, word meaning*

**Abstrak:** Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis proses pembentukan kata pada nama-nama permainan yang digunakan di *play store*. Penelitian ini dilakukan juga untuk mengetahui makna dari kata yang dibentuk. Untuk menjawab masalah ini, teori *compounding* oleh Yule dan Plag digunakan sebagai teori utama didukung oleh beberapa teori yang didapatkan dari beberapa sumber buku seperti salah satunya buku yang ditulis oleh Prihandini dan Haryanto. Metode yang digunakan adalah metode analisis deskriptif, yaitu menggambarkan analisis data yang ditemukan di *playstore*. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa proses penggabungan yang digunakan adalah penggabungan endosentris. yang menunjukkan makna dari kata yang dibentuk. Proses pembentukan kata dengan cara menggabungkan menjadi hal yang penting untuk dipahami dalam kaitannya dengan proses pembentukan kata dengan makna yang baru.

**Kata kunci:** compounding, endocentric compound, makna kata

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Language is changing and developing by the time. Many factors support the change and one of them is the development of technology that runs really fast. In developing technology, people use language for expressing their idea. Game application is one of technology that uses language to express the ideas. Game applicator use language to label their products by combining two or more words to form new meaning words.

In Linguistics, this phenomenon is covered in word formation. According to Plag (2018:9), word formation is the process to create new words composed by combining other words to form larger words with more complex meanings. According to Yule (2020: 58-74), there are various types of word formation as borrowing, blending, clipping, conversion, coinage, acronyms, and compounding. In this research the writer focuses on compounding, since it's found some new word meanings used in naming games in play store.

According to Yule (2020:60), compounding is the process of word formation combining two separate words to produce a single form. According to Katamba in Oktafiani (2019:156)

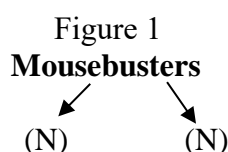
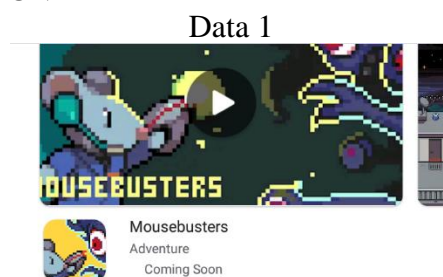
there are three types of compounds; compound with a head is endocentric compound, exocentric compound is headless compound, and compound that has two words which are coupled or conjoined, that is copulative compound. Endocentric compound according to Katamba in Rumiyati (2015) states that in English most of the compound words is endocentric that has a head and usually appears as the right-headed. While exocentric compound does not have the component as the function of semantic head. It is modified by the non-head component. The last type is copulative compound, the compound that in semantic point of view, the joined components that have an equal status. Meanwhile according to Prihandini and Haryanto (2014:86-87) state that compounding can be found in lexical categories nouns, adjectives, and verb.

Every new words being created through word formation process mostly results its new meaning. Compounding also plays an important role in language development, especially language development in games field. Many new words formed through the process of compounding in naming new games in play store. For instance, the word Grimvalor, contains two components of word which belong to different categories. Grim is a feeling worried or very unpleasant feeling. And valor is a great courage or bravery. Those words create new words Grimvalor is a RPG adventure games that has a challenging hack and slash platformer with fast-paced combat in dark fantasy world. Similar to this case, the writer found some new words in the games in play store.

## 2. METHOD

This research is conducted in descriptive qualitative method in the linguistic form. According to Dawson (2002), "Descriptive research attempts to describe systematically a situation, problem, phenomenon, service or program, or provides information about, say, living condition of a community, or describes attitudes towards an issue." This research focuses to describe compounding process found in game names. The analytic method is applied to analyze the compound words types, word class, and the meaning of compound words after the processes of compounding. In this research, data were collected through several techniques. First, data were chosen based on observation of the researcher and on relevant data. Second, data were selected as main sources to get the relevant data. The collected data were analyzed through several techniques. First, each data was identify and classify based on the compound word. Second, classify and describe the compound word based on compounding process types.

## 3. FINDING AND DISCUSSION



One of data above is taken from the game called Mousebusters. Based on the tree diagram analysis, it's showed that mousebusters word is formed of two words. Those two words are from the same class, Mouse (N) and Busters (N). According to Cambridge Dictionary, the word

of mouse is a *small mammal* with *short fur*, a *pointed face*, and a *long tail*. Another meaning of the word mouse is a small device that can be moved across a surface in order to move a cursor on computer screen. The word busters according to Cambridge Dictionary is used to *address* a man or a *boy* you do not like or the other meaning is a person or thing intended to destroy the stated thing. Both mouse and busters have two different meanings, however the meaning chosen is mouse which is a small mammal with short fur, a pointed face and a long tail, and for the busters is a person or thing intended to destroy with stated thing. When those words are combined, those words create new word and new meaning. Mousebusters is classified as an endocentric compound and left headed. Mousebusters is a game that the player will be a mouse against a ghost.

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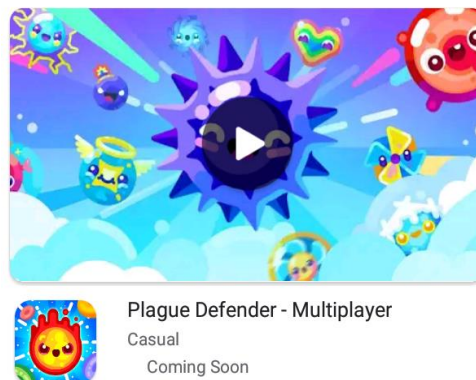
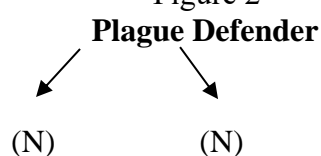


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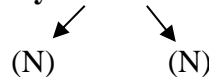


One of data above is taken from game called *plague defender*. *Plague defender* consists of two words. The words *plague* and *defender* have similar class, they are nouns. According to Cambridge Dictionary the word *plague* has two meanings. First, *plague* is a serious disease which kills many people. Second, *plague* is a large number of insects or animal which cause damage or unpleasant conditions in an area. The word of *defender* is a person who protects a place against attack, or believes in and support a person, idea, or plan. Another meaning of *defender* is someone on a team who tries to prevent the other team from scoring points. Those two words create a new word and new meaning. *Plague defender* is a multiplayer game which is the players try to protect a place from a serious disease. The words or the phrase *plague defender* is endocentric compound and left headed.

Data 3



Figure 3  
**Skylanders: Ring of Heroes**

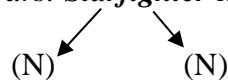


One of data above is taken from game called Skylanders: Ring of Heroes. Based on the tree diagram analysis, the compound word is skylanders. Skylanders word is formed from two words with similar class, they are nouns. The meaning of sky in Cambridge Dictionary is the area above earth in which clouds, the sun, the stars can be seen. While the meaning of landers in Cambridge Dictionary is a spacecraft designed to land on the surface of planet or moon. Those words form new word and new meaning, Skylanders word above is an adventure of mobile RPG game that the place of the mission is above the sky. Based on the description, it shows that skylanders is endocentric compound.

Data 4



Figure 4  
*Star wars: **Starfighter** Mission*



*Based on the tree diagram analysis above, it's showed that the word starfighter consists of two words. According to Cambridge Dictionary, the word star has several meanings. The first meaning is a very large ball of burning gas in space that is usually seen from the earth as a point of light in sky at night. The second meaning is a very famous, successful, and important person, especially a performer such as a musician, actor, or sports player, and the last meaning is used to show how good a restaurant and hotel. The fighter word, it means someone who fights in a battle or in a physical fight against an opponent. The second meaning of fighter is someone who continues to try hard and will not give up easily when things are difficult. The last meaning of fighter is a small, fast military aircraft used for chasing and destroying enemy.*

*The word starfighter has two words which have similar class, they are nouns. Those words create new meaning and new word. Startfighter is a mobile game inspired from film, strategically form a group of three starfighters and instantly swap them in and out of the heat of battle to gain victory and destroy enemy. This word is classified as endocentric compound.*

#### 4. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

Compounding process plays important role in language development. It is proven by the existence of compounding process, it creates some new words with their new meanings used in games names in playstore such as Mousebusters, Plague Defender, Skylanders, and Starfighters. Compounding process also helps the reader to understand the new meaning of the new words.

This research is not so deep in exploring the object that other researchers could make it by extending the data and also the analysis. Other researchers can use this research for increasing their knowledge about compounding process specially in naming games used in play store. They are some other issues in compounding process such as on copulative compounding process.

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