

The Use of Words in the Form of Nonsensical Style Camouflaging Personation in Pseudonymous Writing

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The words or Lexis of a given language are employed in diverse social contexts to bring out their meaning and thus the meaning of any given lexis is context dependent. Accordingly, the word 'Position' pə'zɪʃ(ə)n which had originated from old French from Latin Position (n-) from Ponere 'to place' of which the current sense of the verb dates back to late Middle English the early 19th century has various connotations given its context dependency. In its outset, the term position has several literal meanings when it is utilized in several contexts. The precise sense of the given term means for general public is a place where someone or something is situated or located. Similarly, it also can mean a particular way in which someone or something is postured or posed whilst the term also reflects a situation especially as it affects one's power to act on the state of affairs. Moreover, it can also mean a person's point of view or attitude towards something or someone as the Board's position on the progress of the University or Vice Chancellor's clarification on the position on funds allocation. As stated, position can also mean something else in the field of business as it may mean the extent to which an investor, dealer, or a speculator has made a commitment in the market by buying or selling securities as in the case of 'investors were covering short positions' etc. In addition to the literal meaning of the given term, it also has its ambiguous and implicative meanings given its use in the deep structure. Thus, this paper attempts to provide a detailed language analysis of a pseudonymous letter addressed to the first citizen of the country in the guise of Students Community of Uva Wellassa University by a group of academicians.

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