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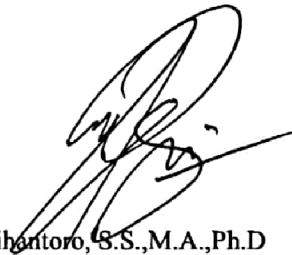
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ABSTRACT

This research was written by focusing on the assertive speech acts and how they are conveyed within the characters in the short novel *Silver Blaze* by Arthur Conan Doyle. This research was conducted qualitatively. The data are derived from the dialogue between the short novel's characters. This research used Searle's assertive speech theory and Yule's theories of direct and indirect speech to analyze the characters' utterances. The results of this study show that there are 16 utterances that have the function of assertive speech acts. There are 4 utterances that are included in the state function in this study. As an informing function, 5 data were discovered. The function of boasting in this short novel contains 3 data. Furthermore, 1 datum was found as a complaint function. Lastly, there are 3 utterances that include a denial function. From the 16 data found, there are 10 direct assertive function utterances and 6 indirect assertive function utterances. According to the short novel genre, which is mystery, the characters need information about the case to solve it. Based on the data found, it can be said that the *Silver Blaze*'s characters often use an assertive information function.

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