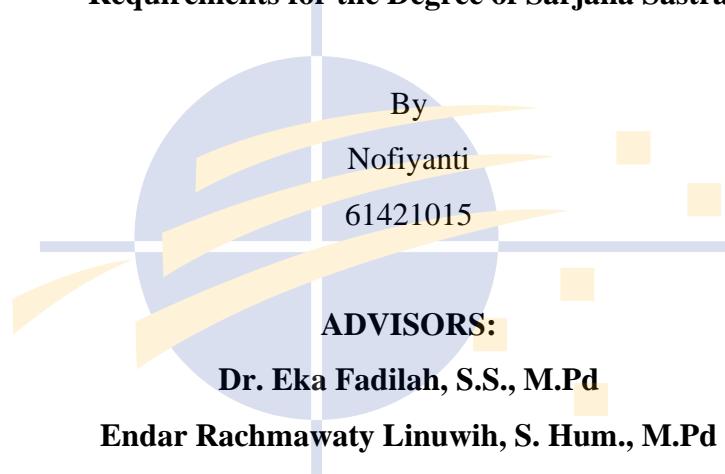




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## ABSTRACT

This research explores the illocutionary speech acts used in two TEDx Talks by Zhafira Aqyla and Fathia Fairuza, delivered in English on the TEDx Talks YouTube channel. The study aims to identify the types of illocutionary acts and analyze the illocutionary force conveyed in each. Employing a descriptive qualitative approach and guided by Searle's Speech Act Theory (1976), the research categorizes utterances into five illocutionary types: representative, directive, commissive, expressive, and declarative. Data were collected through transcription and analyzed based on illocutionary functions.

The findings reveal that four illocutionary types were used: representative, directive, commissive, and expressive. Representative acts were the most dominant, appearing in 115 utterances, primarily serving to state (42), describe (29), inform (18), report (18), conclude (7), and remind (1). Directive acts (30 utterances) functioned to advise (11), suggest (5), invite (5), question (7), request (1), and command (1). Commissive acts (8 utterances) included promising (5) and guaranteeing (3), while expressive acts (5 utterances) reflected thanking, praising, and greeting. Declarative acts were not found due to the absence of institutional authority. These results underscore the strategic use of speech acts in motivational discourse and contribute to the study of pragmatics in digital media.

**Keywords:** speech act, illocutionary act, TEDx Talks, YouTube, pragmatics, motivational speech



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