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ABSTRACT


Key words: translation, quality

One of the objectives of this study is to describe the translation done by the translation bureaus at Surabaya. This study is also intended to find the differences of each bureau according to many theories of translation. The other objective is to categorize the mismatches made by the bureaus into the types of translation.

The subject of this study were three bureaus at Surabaya, the first is “Bureau A” on Jalan Anjasmoro, then the second is “Bureau B” on Jalan Biliton, and the third is “Bureau C” on Jalan Kalijudan. There are many translation bureaus at Surabaya, however, the writer chooses these three bureaus because they are quite famous and many students of Widya Mandala Catholic University often translate their books there.

In this study, the writer uses a descriptive study since the determination of this study is to describe the translation done by translation bureaus. Each translation done by every bureau will be described by the writer based on the theory of translation. After that, the translation will be categorized into the types of translation.

The writer gives two passages to every bureau to get the data. The writer gives two English passages to be translated into Indonesian. The first is a scientific passage and the second is fiction passage. Besides giving the same passages to the bureaus, the writer also gives the same time limited, that is three days, so that the writer can be fair in describing their translation. After collecting the results from the three bureaus, the writer makes an analysis and then describe the translation of each bureau. From describing the results of translation done by each bureau, the writer knows what problems are found in the translation, what type of translation are used by the bureaus, and also the quality of the translation.

The result of this study shows that Bureau A made mistakes more in grammatical structures, Bureau B made mistakes more in the level of naturalness and Bureau C made mistakes more in vocabulary. About the types of translation, Bureau A used word-for-word translation, Bureau B used communicative translation and Bureau C only used communicative translation once since it often made mistakes in the vocabulary.