

## Grade VIII Students' Understanding of Types of News Texts Reviewed from the Results of Newspaper Identification

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### Abstract

*Purpose:* The purpose of this study is to describe the types of news texts that can be identified by grade VIII A students from newspapers in the context of learning Indonesian.

*Methodology:* This research uses a qualitative descriptive approach with data collected through documentation. The data source is the identification of newspaper news text types by grade VIII A students. The data analysis process follows three stages: data reduction, data presentation, and conclusion drawing.

*Results:* The study revealed that grade VIII A students successfully identified five types of news texts: (1) direct news texts, (2) in-depth news texts, (3) investigative news texts, (4) interpretive news texts, and (5) opinion news texts. Among these, the most frequently identified type was direct news, comprising 35% of the total. Opinion and interpretive texts each accounted for 21%, investigative texts 14%, and in-depth news texts 7%. Direct news texts were most dominant due to their accessibility, clarity, and relevance to real-life events.

*Applications/Originality/Value:* This study provides insight into students' comprehension of different types of news texts and emphasizes the effectiveness of using newspapers as a learning medium in Indonesian language instruction. It highlights how textual characteristics influence students' ability to recognize various news formats, which can be useful for designing future learning materials and strategies.

### Introduction Section

Language is closely related to human daily life, so it can be said that the two cannot be separated. This is because both written and oral language are the most efficient means of communication for humans. One way to develop Indonesian language skills is to learn Indonesian (Febrianti, 2022). In this study, discrimination ability is understood as the ability of students to find and analyze types of news texts from newspapers.

News text material is a document that will be taught by teachers by students at the Junior High School. The presence of these basic skills can prove that the ability to understand what is read is very important and necessary for students. What will help you successfully implement the content later (Ramadhani, 2021).

According to (Putra in Pratiwi, 2018), news is a series of events that arise from the opinions of people who hear and know it. According to the Great Dictionary of the Indonesian Language Alwi (KBBI) (2007: 124) (in Pratiwi, 2018), news is a statement about something or event that is currently hot (which has just happened). The main characteristic of information is that it must be relevant to the existing reality and not just made up (not created) and current (just happened).

According to (Asep Syamsul in Fundamentals of Journalism: A Practical Guide to the Revival of Journalists, 2021). The types of news texts known in the world of journalism are: (1) direct news texts, which are short and direct written information. (2) in-depth news texts; It is preserved by deeper immersion into objects below the surface. (3) investigative news texts, which are news compiled based on research or investigations from various sources. (4) Interpretive news text, which is news that is compiled based on the opinion of journalists and assessments based on known facts. (5) opinion news text, which is news that refers to the opinion of a person (academic, expert, or official) about something.

According to (Onong Uchajana Effendy in Prihantoro, 2016), a newspaper is a print newspaper containing news that occurs in society with the characteristics of being published periodically, generally, the latest content and current events on the Internet, everything, anywhere. in the world. known by readers all over the world. According to (Harimurti in Prihantoro, 2016), journalism is a means of mass communication, a means of printing and publication that contains information and records of works. As the times change, science and technology are increasingly modern so that they are popular. Making it easier to study an event or collect information about current events is no longer difficult, many media have acted as intermediaries to help the public find and collect information, including newspaper, the internet, television, and radio for other types on news texts.

The problem is that when grade VIII students study the latest news documents, it is often difficult to identify the type of news text that exists in print media. When identifying the types of news texts, students can understand each characteristic of the types of news texts that have been studied. Students primarily identify types of news texts that are easy to understand and find in any newspaper. This may prevent students from expressing themselves in other types of topical texts.

Previous relevant research was conducted by Fanno (2019), Putri (2020), Tari (2020), Rahmah (2020) and Yulistio (2023) who conducted research related to the understanding of news texts. The results of his research show that the skill of writing news texts has better criteria compared to the skill of reading and comprehending news texts.

Previous research on the topic of news text types was conducted by Boesman (2015), the results of his research showed that news that comes from centralized editors and non-specialist reporters is more likely to be triggered by news from other news media. Similar research by Rubin (2015) the results of his research have 3 fake news, namely serious fakes, hoaxes, and funny fakes. Research by Wahyudin (2016) with the results of research news items selected from Jakarta Pos and the Indonesian people. A similar study was conducted by Wongso et al. (2017): The results of the study outperformed previous similar studies that classified Indonesian-language news articles with an accuracy of 85%. Similar research was conducted by Sarifah (2021). Their findings made Kompas TV journalists excited to report on the investigation." Kompas File" with high enthusiasm has resulted in many awards that have been obtained.

Previous research on the topic of news texts in newspapers was conducted by Nisa (2018), Fitriani (2020), Oktafiana (2021), and Wulandari (2022), the results of which showed that there were language errors in news texts in newspapers. Similar research by Sitoro, Andi Haris Prabawa, et al. (2020) showed that there was grammatical cohesion of news texts in newspapers.

Based on the explanation above, the research was conducted at SMP Negeri 1 Widodaren with the aim of finding out what types of news texts are often or dominant identified by students of grade VIII A. From this purpose, the researcher will explain in the form of paragraphs and tables so that readers can more easily understand what the researcher wants to convey.

## Methods

In this study, the author uses a qualitative method. The definition of this study is that it can be presented in the form of words or sentences and aims to understand human or social phenomena by creating a comprehensive and complex picture that reflects the content of detailed views from information sources (Fadli, 2021). Qualitative research focuses on the combination of data obtained from the field in the form of words, phrases, clauses, sentences, and utterances, which are collected through purposive sampling and the use of systematic scientific procedures. Prioritizing meaning and quality over generalizing research findings (Rohmadi and Nasucha, 2017). The data source used in this study is the primary data source. The primary data source in this study is the identification of the type of newspaper news text by students of grade VIII A. The data collection collection technique in this study uses documentation to document the results of the identification of types of news texts through newspapers by students of grade VIII A in Junior High School. And for the data analysis technique in this study, there are 3 stages, namely data reduction, data presentation, and drawing conclusions according to opinions (Saleh, 2017).

## Results and Discussion

News in Javanese is known as *Pawarta*. According to (Bausastra Jawa, 2011: 537 in Rochhayati, 2021) the term news is called *Pawarta*. News has an important role to play in society. News allows the public to know all the information available.

Generally, news is published only in print format, but now news has become widespread and follows the times (Fitriani and Rahmawati, 2020). Newspaper messages are made up of many words and may contain spelling, morphology, syntax, and semantic errors. Some local newspaper, particularly Sinal Indonesia Baru (SIB), pointed out that their word choices contained spelling, morphology, semantics, and syntax errors.

Nowadays, it is no longer difficult for people to find or get information. The public likes information that is in accordance with the reality that has happened. And which ones are interesting to listen to. Therefore, the media must provide reliable information. Everyone knows that there are five types of common information.

### ***Types of News Texts Identification by Grade VIII A Students from Newspaper***

The following types of news texts were successfully identified by students of grade VIII A Widodaren state 1 Junior High School, Ngawi, East Java :

## Types of Live News Text

Direct news text or *straight news* is news as it is or simply, written briefly and straightforwardly. Most of the front pages of newspapers or headlines are this type of news. Live news text is divided into 2, namely light news text (soft) and hard news text (warm). Light (soft) news texts are news that does not prioritize the importance of events, but the human aspect. Events that include light news are events that can give a touch of emotion to the reader, in extraordinary situations. The content of the news and the language style are light. Meanwhile, hard (hot) news texts are news that is of more value, quality and updated or the most recent because it is very important, so it must be immediately conveyed and known to the public. Usually the content of the news is special or it can also be about events that occur suddenly (Musman in Bangun 2019).

Below is the presentation and discussion:

**Table 1.** Identify Live News Text Types

It	Student Name	News Text Title	Types of News Text
1	SHS	"Mohamed Elneny Inaugurates Worship Room at Emirates Stadium"	Live news
2	SPP	"It Could Be the Derby with the Least Spectators"	Warm type live news
3	DFN	"174 Couples of Underage Marriages"	Live news
4	SYAF	"Chicken Meat Penetrates Rp 40 Thousand, Chili Still Above Rp 50 Thousand"	Live news
5	DNI	"Blessings of Ramadan for Orphans, Duafa to MSME Actors"	Light type live news

Based on the results of data analysis in table 1, there are 5 students out of a total of 14 students in grade VIII A Widodaren state 1 Junior High School who managed to identify the type of live news text. It is said to be a type of direct news text because in the news text that has been identified by the students of class VIII A, there is a sentence that shows that the news text is directly in the form of important facts that are clear and not long-winded. Shiva class VIII A predominantly identifies the type of direct news text, because it is very easy to find and understand its characteristics such as containing real events and most of them are found at the beginning of news paragraphs.

The following is the discussion:

(1) Data 1 table 1 :

*This year's Ramadan started by Mohamed Elney with a good effect, as reported by The Guardian yesterday (12/3). (Paragraph 1)*

In the above sentence, it can be proven that the student with the initials SHS identifies the type of news text directly from the newspaper. The sentence above conveys an important fact about Mohamed who inaugurated the worship room, this is a characteristic of live news texts that provide information at the beginning of the news.

(2) Data 2 table 1 :

*PANPEL Persebaya Surabaya has prepared 25 thousand tickets for the Suramadu Derby duel tonight. (Paragraph 1)*

In the above sentence, it can be proven that the student with the initials SPP identified a warm type of direct news text from a newspaper. The sentence above is a sentence that conveys important information and facts regarding the number of tickets prepared for the match, this is a characteristic of live news texts. It is said that the live news text is of a warm type, because the news discusses the sale of football match tickets which is new and important information for football fans.

(3) Data 3 table 1 :

*Based on data from the Ministry of Religion (Kemenag) office, applications for marriage dispensation increased from 166 two years ago to 174 in 2023. (Paragraph 1)*

In the above sentence, it can be proven that students with the initials DFN identify the type of news text directly from the newspaper. The sentence above is a sentence that conveys important information and facts related to data from the Ministry of Religion that there is an increase in minors who marry young, this is a characteristic of live news texts that provide factual information.

(4) Data 4 table 1 :

*Based on data from the East Java Provincial Government's Availability and Price Development Information System, the average price of purebred chicken meat until yesterday (12/3) reached Rp 38,443 per kilogram. An increase of IDR 3 thousand when compared to last week. (Paragraph 3)*

In the above sentence, it can be proven that students with the initials SYAF identify the type of news text directly from the newspaper. The sentence above is a sentence that conveys information about the fact that chicken meat has increased in price compared to last week, this is a characteristic of a clear and straightforward live news text. It is said that the direct news text is of a light type, because the news discusses the price of chicken meat that focuses on people's daily lives, such as the increase in basic ingredients.

(5) Data 5 table 1 :

*There, 325 MSME traders peddled various foods and drinks to break the fast. Thousands of residents crowded the market. The culinary market was also held in 25 sub-districts throughout Banyuwangi. (Paragraph 7)*

In the above sentence, it can be proven that the student with the initials DNI identifies the type of news text directly from the newspaper letter. The sentence above is a sentence that conveys factual information related to the blessings of Ramadan for orphans and MSME, this is a characteristic of a direct news text with sentences that are not long-winded.

### **Types of In-Depth News Text**

Depth news text is a news text that is developed by deepening things that are under a surface (Musman in Bangun 2019). Below is the presentation and discussion:

**Table 2.** Identify Types of In-Depth News Text

<b>It</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>News Text Title</b>	<b>Types of News Text</b>
1	DISP	"First Derby and Memories of Competing in the U-17 World Cup"	In-depth news

Based on the results of data analysis in table 2, there was 1 student out of a total of 14 students in grade VIII A Widodaren state 1 Junior High School who succeeded in identifying the type of in-depth news text. It is said to be an in-depth type of news text because in the news text that has been identified by the students of class VIII A there is a sentence that shows that the news text not only provides basic information but there is background and direct quotes from the main source. In-depth news texts are at least identified by students in class VIII A because students mostly have difficulty understanding what in-depth news texts are in terms of their meaning, namely a news that discusses things under the surface.

The following is the discussion:

(1) Data 1 table 2 :

*"The Madura United winger once grazed at GBT during a special moment: the 2023 U-17 World Cup. Riski is a member of the Indonesian U-17 squad. The performance is quite decent. Of the three fights, he recorded one assist."*  
(Paragraph 1)

In the above sentence, it can be proven that students with the initials DISP identify the type of in-depth news text from the newspaper. The sentence above is a sentence that not only conveys basic information but is in the form of an in-depth analysis of the situation and feelings of the U-17 World Cup players in the upcoming match, this is a characteristic of in-depth news texts. The situation in question is contained in the sentence "special moment of the 2023 U-17 World Cup", this indicates the situation or the occurrence of the event contained in the news. The feeling in question is contained in the sentence "Riski is a member of the Indonesian U-17 squad. The performance is quite decent," this shows that when Riski appeared in the 2023 U-17 World Cup, it was considered quite decent for a number of people watching.

### **Types of Investigative News Text**

Investigation news texts are news texts that are developed based on research or investigations from various sources (Musman in Bangun 2019).

Below is the presentation and discussion:

**Table 3.** Identify Types of Investigative News Text

<b>It</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>News Text Title</b>	<b>Types of News Text</b>
1	KAW	"Whistle in the Boeing Case Suddenly Mysteriously Killed"	Investigative news
2	NM	"Last Seen during Flood, Miran Died in River Bamboo Grove"	Investigative news

Based on the results of data analysis in table 3, there were 2 students out of a total of 14 students in grade VIII A Widodaren state 1 Junior High School who managed to identify the type of investigative news text. It is said that this type of investigative news text is because in the news text that has been identified by the students of class VIII A, there is a sentence that shows that the news text not only provides basic information but also explores or conducts investigations related to a case.

The following is the discussion:

(1) Data 1 table 3 :

*"Since 2010, Barnett has worked as a quality manager at Boeing's plant in North Charleston. After retiring, Barnett filed a whistleblower claim against Boeing. Barnett accused Boeing of retaliating against him for repeatedly reporting damages. According to the Charleston County coroner, the 62-year-old man died of "self-inflicted wounds." He was pronounced dead on March 9. Until now, the police are still investigating the case."*  
(Paragraph 6)

In the above sentence, it can be proven that the student with the initials KAW identified the type of investigative news text from the newspaper. The above sentence is a sentence that not only provides basic information about John Barnett's death, but also delves deeper into the background and accusations against Boieng. These news texts are a type of investigative news text that investigates a specific case.

(2) Data 2 table 3 :

*"A grandfather in Ngawi was found dead after three days of being dragged away by the flood. The search for the victim continues. Residents combing the river of the local village The victim is Miran 65, a resident of Bintoyo Village, Padas. His body was found stuck in a bamboo clump in the local village river yesterday (12/3) afternoon."* (Paragraph 1)

In the above sentence, it can be proven that the student with the initials NM identified the type of investigative news text from the newspaper. The sentence above is a sentence that not only provides information on victims who were

found dead in the flood, but the news also discusses the follow-up search for victims for 3 days and was found to be no longer alive. These news texts are a type of investigative news text that investigates a specific case.

### Types of Interpretive News Text

Interpretive news texts or interpretative news are news texts that are developed with the opinions or assessments of journalists based on the facts found (Musman in Bangun 2019).

Below is the presentation and discussion:

**Table 4.** Identify Types of Interpretive News Text

It	Student Name	News Text Title	Types of News Text
1	DC	"Achieving Sugar Self-Sufficiency with Upstream Improvements"	Interpretive news
2	HLS	"Two Months, Find 22 New ODHA"	Interpretive news
3	CAK	"Seven Years of Engaged in Glass Painting Crafts"	Interpretive news

Based on the results of data analysis in table 4, there were 3 students out of a total of 14 students in grade VIII A Widodaren state 1 Junior High School who succeeded in identifying the type of interpretive news text. It is said that the type of news text is interpretive because in the news text that has been identified by the students of class VIII A there is a sentence that shows that the news text conveys facts but also provides an interpretation of the problem and solutions that can be done

The following is the discussion:

(1) Data 1 table 4 :

*In fact, Indonesia once had a history of not only self-sufficiency, but also sugar exporters. Many strategies should be able to increase sugar production. Starting from using superior varieties to changing the partnership system with farmers.* (Paragraph 3)

In the above sentence, it can be proven that students with the initials DC identify the type of interpretive news text from the newspaper. The above sentence provides an analysis that shows a comparison between current and past conditions, as well as provides proposed solutions or strategies that can be carried out to increase sugar production. These news texts are interpretive news texts because they not only convey facts but also provide interpretations regarding problems and solutions that can be done.

(2) Data 2 table 4 :

*The spread of HIV/AIDS cases in Magetan is worrying. HIV is a disease that is not as contagious as Covid-19. According to Rohmat, HIV screening is important, so that we can know the symptoms early. Including for brides-to-be who are getting married.* (Paragraph 1)

In the above sentence, it can be proven that the HLS initials students identify the type of interpretive news text from the newspaper. The sentence above provides an assessment of the condition of the spread of HIV/AIDS which is considered worrying, the interception is the difference between HIV and Covid-19 transmission. There is another interpretive element regarding the importance of HIV screening from an early age. These news texts are interpretive news texts because they not only convey facts but also provide interpretive information about problems and solutions that can be done.

(3) Data 3 table 4

*He admitted that he has been pursuing glass painting crafts since 2017. From there, it turned out that his creativity was recognized.* (Paragraph 2)

In the above sentence, it can be proven that students with the initials CAK identify the type of interpretive news text from the newspaper. The sentence above provides information related to the recognition of people who have been making *glass paintings* since 2017 and their creativity is recognized by the wider community. This news text is interpretive because it not only conveys facts but also conveys a positive impact related to the creation *of glass painting*.

### Types of Opinion News Text

Opinion news text is news about someone's opinion, usually the opinion of scholars, scholars, experts, or officials about something, events, conditions and so on (Musman in Bangun 2019).

Below is the presentation and discussion:

**Table 5.** Identify Types of Opinion News Text

It	Student Name	News Text Title	Types of News Text
1	AKN	"School is still important"	News Opinion
2	MA	"Oppenheimer's Big Victory Prediction"	News Opinion
3	AAH	"Hunting Fish when the Jerohan River Overflows"	News Opinion

Based on the results of data analysis in table 5, there were 3 students out of a total of 14 students in grade VIII A Widodaren state 1 Junior High School who succeeded in identifying the type of opinion news text. It is said that this type of opinion news text is because in the news text that has been identified by students of class VIII A there is a sentence that shows that the news text provides information about other people's opinions about a problem. The following is the discussion:

(1) Data 1 table 5 :

*"FOR those who are reluctant to go to college, often look for justification, see one of the richest people in the world is still young, he used to not go to school, aka drop out. But his parents are educated and know their children's passion very well."* (Paragraph 1)

In the above sentence, it can be proven that the student with the initials AKN identifies the type of opinion news text from the newspaper. The sentence above contains the author's assessment and views about the school are still important for anyone who wants to study and gain insight. The author in question is the opinion of an individual regarding 'school is still important even if you were born from a rich man.'

(2) Data 2 table 5 :

*"Oppenheimer is predicted to win the award tonight. Not without reason, the film that tells the story of the father of the atomic bomb has received many awards such as at Golden Globes, Critics' Choice, DGA, BAFTA, SAG, and PGA."* (Paragraph 4)

In the above sentence, it can be proven that students with the initials MA identify the type of opinion news text from the newspaper. The above sentence shows a prediction of the judgment or source about the possibility of the "Oppenheimer" film winning many awards, this is an opinion because it is not based on facts that have happened, but a person's estimate or judgment.

(3) Data 3 table 5

*According to Slamet, fishing was carried out when the Jerohan River overflowed. However, if the water discharge is normal or recedes, residents return to doing their main job as farmers.* (Paragraph 2)

In the above sentence, it can be proven that the student with the initials AAH identifies the type of opinion news text from the newspaper. The above sentence shows that a resident named Slamet is of the opinion about the Jerohan River which overflows, there will definitely be a lot of fish caught or into the trap that has been made, this includes opinion because it is still in the form of an opinion and there is no certainty or fact about fish that are easy to get when the Jerohan River overflows.

**Table 6.** Of Percentage Results of News Text Type Identification

It	Types of News Text	Percentage
1	Live News Text	35%
2	Opinion and Interpretive News Text	21%
3	Investigative News Text	14%
4	In-Depth News Text	7%

There are 5 types of news texts that have been successfully identified by students in class VIII A, including: (1) direct news texts, (2) in-depth news texts, (3) interpretive news texts, (4) investigative news texts, and (5) opinion news texts. Of the five types of news texts that were successfully identified by students in grade VIII A, the most dominant one was identified as direct news texts. This is because direct news texts are easy to find and understand, their characteristics are such as containing real events and most of them are found at the beginning of news paragraphs. There are 5 students in class VIII A who often identify live news texts out of a total of 14 students. Then there are opinion and interpretive news texts that have the second most identified by students in grade VIII A. This is in line with Asep Syamsul's opinion in the book *Basic Journalism: A Practical Guide for Journalists in Awakening*, (2021) that direct news texts are simple, written briefly and according to facts. Live news can mostly be found on the front page of newspapers or headlines. Thus, live news texts are very easy and can be found by students in grade VIII A.

An example of the identification results of a student of class VIII A with the initials SHS who managed to identify a news text directly from a newspaper with the title "Mohamed Elneny Inaugurates a Worship Room at Emirates Stadium." The student with the initials SHS managed to find a sentence in the first paragraph that showed that the sentence could be proven as a type of direct news text. The sentence is "This year's Ramadan started by Mohamed Elneny with a good effect, as reported by *The Guardian* yesterday (12/3)." In this sentence conveys an important fact about Mohamed who inaugurated the worship room, this is a characteristic of the live news text that provides information at the beginning of the news.

The results of this finding are in line with Fanno (2019), Tari (2020), and Rahmah (2020) who found that news text writing skills had good criteria with a score of 79.17 and news text reading comprehension skills with a score of 82.56. (Suciati, et al in Safi'i 2021) Explaining that news texts are texts that contain factual information about a topic or event that is being reported or being talked about by the public. When learning Indonesian, news texts are one of the main documents that students need to learn and master. This material is the embodiment of learning Indonesian texts. Wongso, et al. (2017) The results of his research outperformed previous similar studies that classified Indonesian-language news articles with an accuracy of 85%

## Conclusion

Based on the above research, it can be concluded that 14 students in class VIII A managed to identify 5 types of news texts, including: (1) direct news texts, (2) in-depth news texts, (3) types of investigative news texts, (4) types of interpretive news texts, (5) types of opinion news texts. Among the 5 types of informational texts, direct information texts are most commonly identified by students in grade VIII A as direct informational texts. This is because news texts are easy to find and understand, their characteristic is that they contain real events and are mostly located at the beginning of the news segment. There is a sequence of presentation of 5 types of information texts that are declared successful, namely: (1) Direct information texts have the highest percentage of 35%, (2) types of information texts News opinion and interpretive information have the same proportion, namely 21%, (3) investigative news texts have a proportion of 14%, (4) in-depth news has the lowest proportion, which is 7%. From the results of the percentage, it can be seen that the most dominant type of news text identified by students in grade VIII A is direct news text and this type of news text is almost never understood by students in grade VIII A is an in-depth news text.

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