

# Transitivity Analysis of the Short Story “The Last Leaf” by O’ Henry

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## Abstract

The research entitled "Transitivity Analysis of the Short Story 'The Last Leaf' by O' Henry" is based on the theory of Halliday's (1985) "Systemic Functional Grammar". The aim of this research is to investigate the transitivity system used in the short story, “The Last Leaf”. The data of six types of processes namely, material, mental, behavioral, relational, verbal and existential processes were collected from the short story O' Henry" by the utilization of Halliday's systemic Functional Grammar. In accordance with the findings, relational processes were mostly used in the story. This study gives useful insights into intimate or close feeling between the author and readers. As the result of the analysis, types of processes are of great importance in analyzing clauses of short stories. This study indicates that the transitivity system can be employed to analyse clauses of short stories effectively. This system can help solve the problem of reference personal in contexts of potential ambiguity.

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