

**PREDICATES ANALYSIS  
SYNTACTICALLY AND SEMANTICALLY  
ON QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S SPEECH IN  
UNITED KINGDOM PARLIAMENT**

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**Abstract**

The objective of this study is to find out the difference of predicates analysis syntactically and semantically on Queen Elizabeth II speech in United Kingdom parliament. In this study, the writers analyse predicates syntactically and semantically. To collect the data, the writers apply descriptive qualitative and *Simak Bebas Libat Cakap* (SBLC) as the method. The data are taken from one of the speeches of Queen Elizabeth II in the internet. The writers implement some techniques to analyse the data. The writers download the speech script

in the internet, write down the script, divide all the data in speech into clauses, rewrite each clause, label or identify the parts of the clauses in terms of predicate syntactically and semantically, describe the predicate analysis syntactically and semantically in speech, compare the result of predicate analysis syntactically and semantically, and draw conclusion. Finally, from the result of the comparison of predicates analysis syntactically and semantically on Queen Elizabeth II's Speech in United Kingdom Parliament, it can be concluded that in the analysis it is found 24 one-place predicates, 15 two-place predicates, and 1 three-place predicate.

**Keywords:** Predicate Analysis Syntactically, Predicate Analysis Semantically, Queen Elizabeth II Speech

## A. Introduction

Semantical analysis of a sentence into predicator and argument(s) does not correspond in the most cases to the grammatical analysis of a sentence into subject and predicate, as there is some overlap between semantic and the grammatical analysis. Hurford and Heasley (1985: 46) state that predicate is a word or combination of word which can function as the predicator of a sentence. However, Aarts (2001: 9) states that predicate is all in the sentence besides the subject. Therefore, the writers are interested in analysing predicates based on the view of Syntax and Semantics. The writers analyse the difference between both of them.

Previous researchers just analysed predicate on Syntax or grammatical analysis, but this study explains about both of predicates on Syntax and Semantics. In this study the writers analyse deeper

about comparison of predicates analysis. To detect the difference between predicates syntactically and semantically the writers choose Queen Elizabeth II's speech in United Kingdom parliament outlining government's agenda.

The writers choose Queen Elizabeth II's speech because it has special things. Queen Elizabeth II is the famous person in the world, as the Queen of United Kingdom. She is the second generations of the kingdom. The speech of Queen Elizabeth II contains the weakening of Prime Minister Theresa's position and legislative government programs.

The writers choose the speech script to be analysed because in the speech script we can find many types of predicates there. The types of predicates are already covered in the speech script. With both syntactical and semantical analysis on predicates the writers analyse the Queen Elizabeth II's speech clause by clause, so it is more specific and more effective.

## **B. Literature Review**

Hurford and Heasley (1985: 46) state that predicate is a word or combination of word which can function as the predicator of a sentence. However, Aarts (2001: 9) states that predicate is all in the sentence besides the subject.

In Syntax notions there are subject, predicate, predicator, and predicate logic.

### **1. Subject**

Subject is a constituent that tells us who performs the action denoted by the verb (who is the Agent), and on the other hand tells us who or what the sentence is about. Some elements of subject are: person, animal, institution, and noun phrase.

2. Predicate

Predicate is all in the sentence besides the subject.

3. Predicator

The part of a sentence or clause containing the verbal group.

4. Predicate Logic

Predicate logic is a formal notation used in a branch of philosophy.

Below we can find example of sentence containing subject, predicator, and predicate.

“The cat devoured the rat”.

The cat	devoured	devoured the rat
Subject	Predicator	Predicate

Based on sentence above, “the cat” is identified as subject, “devoured” as predicator, and “devoured the rat” as predicate. In sentence above, the predicate “devour” takes two arguments which are “the cat” and “the rat”. As a result, it is called two-place predicate, which can be formulated **D (c, r)**. D stands for “devour”, c stands for “the cat”, and r stands for “the rat”.

In Semantics notions there are argument, predicate, predicator, and simple proposition.

1. Argument

Argument (referring expression) is any expression used in utterance to refer to something or someone (or a clearly delimited collection of things or people), i.e. used with a particular referent in mind.

2. Predicate

Predicate is a word or combination of word which can function as the predicator of a sentence.

3. Predicator

Predicator is the word or some group of words which does not belong to any of the

argument (referring expression) and makes the most particular contribution to the meaning of sentence.

#### 4. Simple Proposition

Every simple proposition is representable by a single predicator, drawn from the predicates in the language, and a number of arguments, drawn from the names in the language. This implies, among other things, that no formula for a simple proposition can have anything which is neither a predicate nor a name.

Below we can find example of sentence containing argument, predicator, and predicate.

“Juan is Argentinian”.

Juan	Argentinian	Argentinian
Argument	Predicator	Predicate

Based on sentence above, the predicate “Argentinian” takes one argument which is “Juan”. As a result, it is called one-place predicate, which can be formulated  $j$  ARGENTINIAN  $j$  stands for “Juan”.

### C. Method of Investigation

Descriptive qualitative method is used by the writers to analyse predicates realized in Queen Elizabeth II’s speech in UK parliament. The source of data in this study is her speech script. The script of the speech is taken from the website: <https://www.firstpost.com/world/full-text-of-queen-elizabeths-iis-speech-in-uk-parliament-outlining-governments-agenda-3731063.html>.

To collect the data, the writers apply *Simak Bebas Libat Cakap* (SBLC) technique. Here, the writers act as the observer not directly involved in the use of the language. The writers download the

script from the website. Furthermore, she separates the data into clauses.

The writers implement *Teknik Bagi Unsur Langsung* to segment each element of sentence by which a construction is divided into several parts or constituents. Constituent is seen as part directly from the intended construction. The steps are: downloading the speech script, writing down the script, dividing all the data in speech into clauses, rewriting each clause, labelling/identifying the parts of the clauses in terms of predicate syntactically and semantically, describing the predicate analysis syntactically and semantically in speech, comparing the result of predicate analysis syntactically and semantically, and drawing conclusion.

#### **D. Findings and Discussion**

The analysis is represented by the identification of each clause.

##### 1. Syntactically

The forms of predicate logic analysis on Queen Elizabeth II speech script can be listed as follows:

No.	Sentence	Formula
1.	My government's priority is to secure the best possible deal as the country leaves the European Union.	S (g, d)

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| 2. | My ministers are committed to working with Parliament, the devolved administrations, business and others to build the widest possible consensus on the country's future outside                       | C (m, p) |
| 3. | A bill will be introduced to repeal the European Communities Act and provide certainty for individuals and businesses.  | I (b, a) |
| 4. | This will be complemented by legislation to ensure that the United Kingdom makes a success of Brexit, establishing new national policies on immigration, international sanctions, nuclear safeguards, | C (t, l) |
| 5. | My government will seek to maintain a deep and special partnership with European allies and to forge new trading relationships across the globe.  | S (g, a) |

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| 6.  | New bills on trade and customs will help to implement an independent trade policy, and support will be given to help British businesses export to markets around the                        | H (b, p) |
| 7.  | My ministers will strengthen the economy so that it supports the creation of jobs and generates the tax revenues needed to invest in the National Health Service, schools, and other public | S (m, e) |
| 8.  | My government will continue to improve the public finances, while keeping taxes low.  | C (g, f) |
| 9.  | It will spread prosperity and opportunity across the country through a new modern, industrial strategy.   | S (i)    |
| 10. | My government will work to attract investment in infrastructure to support  | W (g)    |



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| 11. | Legislation will be introduced to ensure the United Kingdom remains a world leader in new industries, including electric cars and commercial                                    | I (l) |
| 12. | A new bill will also be brought forward to deliver the next phase of high-speed rail.   | B (b) |
| 13. | My government will continue to work to ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend a good school and that all schools are fairly                                      | C (g) |
| 14. | My ministers will work to ensure people have the skills they need for the high- skilled, high-wage jobs of the future, including through a major reform of technical education. | W (m) |
| 15. | The National Living Wage will be increased so that people who are on the lowest pay benefit from the same improvements in earnings as higher paid                               | I (w) |
| 16. | My ministers will seek to enhance rights and protections in the modern workplace.   | S (m) |

17. My government will make further progress to tackle the gender pay gap and discrimination against people on the basis of their race, faith, gender, disability or sexual orientation. M (g)
18. Legislation will be brought forward to protect the victims of domestic violence and B (l)
19. My government will reform mental health legislation and ensure that mental health is prioritised in the National Health Service in England. R (g, l)
20. Proposals will be brought forward to ban unfair tenant fees, promote fairness and transparency in the housing market, and help ensure more homes B (p)
21. My ministers will work to improve social care and will bring forward proposals for W (m)

22. My government will ensure fairer markets for consumers, this will include bringing forward measures to help tackle unfair practices in the energy market to help reduce energy bills. E (g)
23. A priority will be to build a more united country, strengthening the social, economic and cultural bonds between England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and W (g)
24. My government will work in cooperation with the devolved administrations, and it will work with all of the parties in Northern Ireland to support the return of devolved E (l, c) c = clause
25. A new law will ensure that the United Kingdom retains its world-class regime protecting personal data, and proposals for a new digital charter will be brought forward to ensure that the United Kingdom is the safest

26. Legislation will also be introduced to modernise the courts system and to help reduce motor insurance premiums. I (l)
27. My government will initiate a full public inquiry into the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower to ascertain the causes, and ensure that the appropriate lessons are I (g, i)
28. To support victims, my government will take forward measures to introduce an independent public advocate, who will act for bereaved families after a public disaster and support them at T (g)
29. My ministers will continue to invest in our gallant Armed Forces, meeting the NATO commitment to spend at least two per cent of national income on defence, and delivering on the Armed Forces Covenant across the United Kingdom. C (m)

30. My government will bring forward proposals to ensure that critical national infrastructure is protected to safeguard national security. B (g, p)
31. A commission for countering extremism will be established to support the government in stamping out extremist ideology in all its forms, both across society and on the internet, so it is denied a E (e)
32. In the light of the terrorist attacks in Manchester and London, my government's counter-terrorism strategy will be reviewed to ensure that the police and security services have all the powers they need, and that the length of custodial sentences for terrorism-related R (g)
33. My ministers will ensure that the United Kingdom's leading role on the world stage is maintained and enhanced as it leaves the European Union. E (m)

34. As a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, committed to spending zero point seven per cent of national income on international development, my government will continue to drive international efforts that increase global security and project British values around the world. C (g)
35. My government will work to find sustainable political solutions to conflicts across the Middle East. W (g)
36. It will also lead efforts to reform the international system to improve the United Kingdom's ability to tackle mass migration, alleviate poverty, and L (i, e)
37. My government will continue to support international action against climate change, including the implementation of the Paris Agreement. C (g)

38.	Prince Philip and I look forward to welcoming Their Majesties King Felipe and Queen Letizia of Spain on a State Visit in July.	L (p, t)
39.	My government will host the Commonwealth Summit in April of next year to cement its relevance to this, and future generations.	H (g, c)
40.	I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.	P (i, c) c = clause

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## 2. Semantically

The forms of simple proposition analysis on Queen Elizabeth II speech script can be listed as follows:

No.	Sentence	Formula
1.	My government's priority is to secure the best possible deal as the country leaves the European Union	mg SECURE d
2.	My ministers are committed to working with Parliament, the devolved administrations, business and others to build the widest possible consensus on the country's future outside the European	mm COMMIT p

3. A bill will be introduced to repeal the European Communities Act and provide certainty for individuals and businesses b  
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4. This will be complemented by legislation to ensure that the United Kingdom makes a success of Brexit, establishing new national policies on immigration, international sanctions, nuclear safeguards, agriculture, and fisheries t  
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5. My government will seek to maintain a deep and special partnership with European allies and to forge new trading relationships across the mg SEEK ea
6. New bills on trade and customs will help to implement an independent trade policy, and support will be given to help British businesses export to markets around the world bc HELP p
7. My ministers will strengthen the economy so that it supports the creation of jobs and generates the tax revenues needed to invest in the National Health Service, schools, and other public services mm  
STRENGTH e



8. My government will continue to improve the public finances, while keeping taxes low mg  
CONTINUE pf
9. It will spread prosperity and opportunity across the country through a new modern, industrial strategy i SPREAD
10. My government will work to attract investment in infrastructure to support economic growth mg WORK
11. Legislation will be introduced to ensure the United Kingdom remains a world leader in new industries, including electric cars and commercial satellites I INTRODUCE
12. A new bill will also be brought forward to deliver the next phase of high-speed rail b BRING
13. My government will continue to work to ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend a good school and that all schools are fairly funded mg  
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14. My ministers will work to ensure people have the skills they need for the high- skilled, high-wage jobs of the future, including through a major reform of technical mm WORK

15. The National Living Wage will be increased so that people who are on the lowest pay benefit from the same improvements in earnings as higher paid w INCREASE
16. My ministers will seek to enhance rights and protections in the modern workplace mm SEEK
17. My government will make further progress to tackle the gender pay gap and discrimination against people on the basis of their race, faith, gender, disability or sexual mg MAKE
18. Legislation will be brought forward to protect the victims of domestic violence and abuse l BRING
19. My government will reform mental health legislation and ensure that mental health is prioritised in the National Health mg REFORM l
20. Proposals will be brought forward to ban unfair tenant fees, promote fairness and transparency in the housing market, and help ensure more homes p BRING
21. My ministers will work to improve social care and will bring forward proposals for consultation mm WORK

22. My government will ensure fairer markets for consumers, this will include bringing forward measures to help tackle unfair practices in the energy market to help  
mg ENSURE
23. A priority will be to build a more united country, strengthening the social, economic and cultural bonds between England, Northern Ireland, Scotland  
p BUILD u e
24. My government will work in cooperation with the devolved administrations, and it will work with all of the parties in Northern Ireland to support the return of devolved  
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25. A new law will ensure that the United Kingdom retains its world-class regime protecting personal data, and proposals for a new digital charter will be brought forward to ensure that the United Kingdom is the safest place to be online  
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27. My government will initiate a full public inquiry into the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower to ascertain the causes, and ensure that the appropriate lessons are
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| 37. My government will continue to support international action against climate change, including the implementation of the Paris Agreement                                  | mg<br>CONTINUE      |
| 38. Prince Philip and I look forward to welcoming Their Majesties King Felipe and Queen Letizia of Spain on a State Visit in   | p LOOK<br>FORWARD t |
| 39. My government will host the Commonwealth Summit in April of next year to cement its relevance to this, and   | mg HOST cs          |
| 40. I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels   | i PRAY b            |
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## E. Conclusion

After identifying predicate analysis syntactically and semantically, as well as comparing them, then the next step is drawing conclusion. Based on the findings, there are 40 sentences on Queen Elizabeth II speech in which the predicates can be analysed syntactically and semantically.

There are 24 one-place predicates, 15 two-place predicates, and 1 three-place predicate.

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