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- ✓ You should pray as though everything depends on the Lord.  
Then, get up and go about as if everything depends on you. (Unknown)
- ✓ Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. (Dr. Seuss)
- ✓ It is not opportunity that will make you successful, but your commitment to do your best in any opportunity. (Mario Teguh)
- ✓ Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe. ( Albert Einstein)
- ✓ Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend. ( Albert Camus)
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## ABSTRACT

This study aim at finding out the types of grammatical cohesion and describing the grammatical cohesion in English Department theses of Dian Nuswantoro University. The research of this study is limited to all sentences that have types of grammatical cohesion. This research used descriptive qualitative in nature. It describes and identifies the grammatical cohesive devices used in the English Department theses of Dian Nuswantoro University especially in the background section in the academic year of 2011. The technique of data analysis in this research was based on Halliday and Hasan (1976 ).

From the analysis, it can be concluded that there are personal references with 96 words (37, 94 %). There are 16 words (6, 32 %) included in demonstrative reference. There is no substitution and ellipsis. There are additive conjunctions with 86 words (34 %), adversative conjunction with 7 words (2, 77 %), causal conjunction with 23 words (9, 09 %). The last is the number of temporal conjunction with 25 words (9, 88 %). The personal reference became the greatest number because the data were taken from the written data.

It can be concluded that personal reference is the dominant type of grammatical cohesion. There is no substitution and ellipsis because those types are usually found in the spoken data. From the occurrences of the types of grammatical cohesive devices, it can be concluded that the theses are cohesive.

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