

**A TRANSITIVITY ANALYSIS OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC NEWS
IN THE TOPIC OF CAVE FOSSIL FIND:
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The method applied in this final project is qualitative. The procedure of collecting the data included seeking, selecting, and downloading.

In analyzing the data, the writer exposed the selected data according to the system of transitivity and segmented into clauses, and afterwards they were categorized into their transitivity system by using the theory of Functional Grammar. The field of the discourse in the news, on the other hand, was explained and interpreted using David Butt's theory.

Finally, the findings show that there are 26 paragraphs which consist of 99 major clauses (subject to analysis). The most dominant processes are material processes (33.3%). In line with the domination of material process in the study, Actor and Goal significantly dominate over the other participants. For the circumstance, the circumstances of manner (35.3%) significantly dominates over the other circumstances.

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