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ABSTRACT

Theresa Tiouli Pospos. English for Business and Professional Communication Study Program. Analysis of Hedging Strategies in Indonesian and English News Reports on The Iran-US Conflict.

This research analyzes the use of hedging strategies in Indonesian and English news reports on the Iran–US conflict, particularly reports concerning the deaths of three US soldiers. The objectives of this research are to identify the types of hedges used in the selected news reports, examine the principles served by these hedging expressions, and analyze how hedging contributes to the representation of actors in news discourse. This research employed a qualitative descriptive method using content analysis. The data consisted of nine news reports published between 1 and 4 March 2026 by Indonesian and English online news platforms. The analysis was conducted using Salager-Meyer's (1994) framework of hedging strategies and Van Dijk's ideological square.

The findings reveal that all five categories of hedges proposed by Salager-Meyer were present in the data, namely shields, approximators, attribution/personal doubt, emotionally charged intensifiers, and compound hedges. English news reports contained more hedging expressions than Indonesian news reports. The identified hedges primarily functioned to reduce certainty, avoid full commitment, and reflect limitations in accuracy. Furthermore, the analysis demonstrates that hedging strategies play a role in constructing ideological representations of actors. Iran was frequently represented through expressions associated with potential retaliation, escalation, and threat, whereas the United States was often portrayed as a victim, a defensive actor, or a strategic responder. These patterns reflect Van Dijk's ideological square through the positive representation of the in-group and the negative representation of the out-group.

In conclusion, hedging functions not only as a marker of uncertainty but also as a discursive strategy that contributes to the construction of meaning, ideology, and actor representation in news discourse.

Keywords: hedging, news discourse, Iran–US conflict, ideological square, Critical Discourse Analysis.



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ABSTRAK

Theresa Tiouli Pospos. Program Studi Bahasa Inggris untuk Komunikasi Bisnis dan Profesional. Analysis of Hedging Strategies in Indonesian and English News Reports on The Iran-US Conflict.

Penelitian ini menganalisis penggunaan strategi *hedging* dalam berita berbahasa Indonesia dan Inggris mengenai konflik Iran-Amerika Serikat (AS), khususnya yang membahas kematian tiga tentara AS. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk mengidentifikasi jenis-jenis *hedges* yang digunakan dalam berita yang diteliti, mengkaji prinsip-prinsip *hedges* dalam berita-berita tersebut, serta menganalisis bagaimana *hedging* berkontribusi terhadap representasi aktor dalam berita. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan deskriptif kualitatif dengan metode analisis isi. Data penelitian berupa sembilan artikel berita yang diterbitkan antara 1 hingga 4 Maret 2026 oleh media berita daring berbahasa Indonesia dan Inggris. Analisis dilakukan menggunakan klasifikasi strategi *hedging* dari Salager-Meyer (1994) dan konsep *ideological square* dari Van Dijk (1988; 2013, 2015).

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa seluruh kategori *hedges* yang dikemukakan oleh Salager-Meyer ditemukan dalam data, yaitu *shields*, *approximators*, *attribution/personal doubt*, *emotionally charged intensifiers*, dan *compound hedges*. Laporan berita berbahasa Inggris mengandung jumlah *hedges* yang lebih banyak dibandingkan laporan berita berbahasa Indonesia. *Hedges* yang ditemukan berfungsi untuk mengurangi tingkat kepastian pernyataan, menghindari komitmen penuh terhadap informasi yang disampaikan, serta mencerminkan keterbatasan akurasi informasi. Selain itu, analisis menunjukkan bahwa *hedging* juga berperan dalam membangun representasi ideologis terhadap aktor yang terlibat. Iran lebih sering direpresentasikan melalui ungkapan yang berkaitan dengan potensi pembalasan, eskalasi, atau ancaman, sedangkan AS cenderung digambarkan sebagai korban.

Dengan demikian, *hedging* tidak hanya berfungsi sebagai penanda ketidakpastian, tetapi juga sebagai strategi wacana yang berkontribusi dalam pembentukan makna, ideologi, dan representasi aktor dalam pemberitaan.

Kata kunci: *hedging*, wacana berita, konflik Iran-AS, *ideological square*, Analisis Wacana Kritis, Salager-Meyer.



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CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research

The Iran-US conflict represents a highly sensitive geopolitical issue that attracts global media attention. News reports that are investigating this conflict often involve uncertainty, competing narratives, and ideological positioning. As a result, hedging becomes a key strategy not only to indicate uncertainty but also to softly influence how events and actors are represented in the discourse (Adrian & Fajri, 2023). One of the important linguistic strategies used to deliver the information based on the writer's ideology is hedging. Hedging refers to the use of linguistic expressions that make statements less definite or less forceful (Lakoff & Johnsen, 2003). Instead of presenting information as absolute truth, writers often adjust their level of certainty by using expressions such as modal verbs, adverbs, or other forms that signal probability or uncertainty (Wei, 2026). This allows journalists to balance between assertiveness and caution, enabling them to report information without committing to fixed or absolute positions (Kawasaki, 2021).

News texts are often perceived as objective representations of reality. In practice, news cannot immediately be received without including the linguistic and ideological behind it, meaning news is not unambiguous and that the specific linguistic choices and ideological behind the news can be presented and interpreted in various ways by readers (Van Dijk, 2013) to which it can be concluded that ideology shapes how we interpret something (Vaarala & Farkas, 2025). In the case of the Iran-United States (US) conflict, this becomes more visible. Different news channel can report the same event in different ways, depending on their perspective (Mokhberian et al., 2020). The ideology of news can be seen from how the Iran-US conflict is reported. In several reports from US-based news channels, drone strike incidents are often framed by focusing on domestic losses, especially the deaths of three US soldiers which was obtained through the 9 news reports which acted as the data source (CNN Indonesia, Detik.com, Media Indonesia, Sinpo.id while the



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English news report is published by New York Times, Aljazeera, People, The Guardian, The Associated Press (AP News). Meanwhile, other major events within the same conflict, such as the reported death of Iranian supreme leader, Ali Khamenei, tend to receive less attention or are only mentioned briefly. This shows that news reporting is not completely neutral, as media tend to highlight information that is more relevant to their own audience or perspective, while placing other aspects in the background (Igwebuike, 2018).

The urgency of this research lies in the increasing role of news media as a primary source of information on international political conflicts. Although many readers consume news simply to stay informed about current events, the language used in news reporting plays an important role in shaping how events, actors, and responsibilities are presented. In politically sensitive issues, where multiple actors and competing narratives are involved, linguistic devices such as hedging can influence the degree of certainty, attribution, and responsibility expressed in news discourse. Therefore, examining the use of hedging contributes to a better understanding of how language is strategically employed in conflict reporting and how different news outlets may represent the same event in different ways. This research also contributes to media discourse and pragmatics by providing insights into the linguistic strategies used in Indonesian and US news reports without presuming any particular representation of the events.

Despite the importance of hedging in discourse, previous studies have largely focused on its use in academic writing rather than in news media (Almakrob, 2020; Gomaa, 2019; Johansen, 2021; Salager-Meyer, 1994). Research that examines hedging in journalistic contexts is still limited. There is still a lack of research analyzing how hedging is used in Indonesian and English news reports on the news discourse (Purwantini, 2021). Furthermore, Ruben & Gigliotti (2016) also added a statement that the political discourse is often centered on Western contexts, leaving non-Western media such as Indonesian news underexplored. This indicates a research gap in understanding how linguistic strategies like hedging applied across



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different cultural and linguistic complexes. Based on these gaps, this research aims to analyze hedging strategies in Indonesian and English news reports on the Iran-US conflict by applying Salager-Meyer's framework of hedging and using Van Dijk's ideological square to interpret how actors are represented in the discourse.

1.2 Research Questions

Based on the background above, the research questions are formulated as follows:

1. What types of hedges are used in Indonesian and English news reports on the Iran-US conflict?
2. Which principle do hedges serve in the selected news reports?
3. How are hedging strategies used to represent actors in Indonesian and English news discourse?

1.3 Research Objectives

This research aims to:

1. Identify and classify the types of hedging strategies used in Indonesian and English news reports on the Iran-US conflict based on Salager-Meyer's framework.
2. Examine the principle of hedging expressions in the selected news reports.
3. Analyze how these hedging strategies are used to construct the representation of actors in the discourse by applying Van Dijk's ideological square.

1.4 Research Significances

1.4.1 Theoretical Significance

This research contributes to discourse analysis and pragmatics by exploring how hedging functions as both a linguistic and rhetorical strategy in news discourse. It applies Salager-Meyer's framework to identify the types of hedging used, and uses Van Dijk's ideological perspective to analyze how these strategies shape the representation of actors in the news.



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1.4.2 Practical Significance

a) For Journalists and Media Practitioners

This research provides insights into how hedging can be used to present information carefully and maintain credibility in reporting sensitive issues.

b) For Researchers

This research can enrich understanding of how linguistic strategies operate in media discourse, particularly in political contexts.

c) For Future Research

This research can serve as a reference for further research on hedging, news discourse, and cross-linguistic analysis.

1.5 Scope of Problems

This research focuses on the analysis of hedging strategies in news discourse related to the Iran-US conflict. The data consist of a purposely selected corpus of nine news reports published between 1 - 4 March 2026, with a specific focus on the topic of “the deaths of three US soldiers”. This period was intentionally chosen to reflect a phase of intensified media coverage following the reported drone strike. A purposive sampling method was applied to ensure that the selected data aligned with the research objectives and provided sufficient instances of hedging for analysis. The corpus includes five English news and four Indonesian news obtained from reputable online news platforms. This event was reported as one of the earliest casualties in the conflict, marking a significant moment in the escalation of the war. By focusing on a single event across different media and languages, this research aims to ensure comparability and consistency in the analysis.

Furthermore, this research only examines hedging strategies based on Salager-Meyer’s classification, including shields, approximators, expressions of personal doubt, emotionally charged intensifiers, and compound hedges as well as the theory of Van Dijk which is the ideological square. Other linguistic strategies, such as boosting or exaggeration, are excluded from the scope of this research.

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CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

This research aimed to examine the use of hedging strategies in Indonesian and English news reports about the Iran-US conflict, particularly those discussing the deaths of three US soldiers. Using Salager-Meyer's (1994) classification of hedges and Van Dijk's ideological square, this research analyzed the types of hedges used, their functions, and their role in representing the actors involved in the conflict. Based on the findings and discussion, the conclusions of this research are presented as follows:

1. All five types of hedges proposed by Salager-Meyer (1994) were found in both Indonesian and English news reports: shields, approximators, attribution/personal doubt, emotionally charged intensifiers, and compound hedges. Among these types, approximators and shields were used most frequently. This shows that journalists often use expressions of probability, estimation, and uncertainty when reporting sensitive political issues. The findings also show that English news reports contained more hedging expressions than Indonesian news reports.
2. The hedges identified in the data mainly served three functions: reducing the certainty of a statement, avoiding full commitment to a claim, and showing limitations in accuracy or available information. However, emotionally charged intensifiers were often used to add emphasis or evaluation rather than to express uncertainty.
3. The findings show that hedging was also used in ways that influenced how the actors in the conflict were portrayed. Iran was frequently linked to possible retaliation, escalation, or threats, while the United States was more often presented as a victim, a defensive actor, or a strategic decision-maker. These patterns reflect Van Dijk's ideological square, which highlights the tendency to emphasize positive aspects of one group while drawing attention to the negative aspects of another.



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4. Overall, this research shows that hedging is not only used to express uncertainty. It can also shape how events and social actors are presented in news reports. As a result, hedging may influence how readers understand and interpret political conflicts reported by the media.

5.2 Sugestions

Based on the findings and limitations of this research, several suggestions are offered for future research on hedging in news discourse.

1. Further research could include a wider range of news articles from various media outlets and publication periods. A larger dataset may provide a more comprehensive picture of how hedging strategies are used in news reporting.
2. Future researchers are encouraged to examine the use of hedges in other news genres, such as feature articles, opinion pieces, soft news, or investigative reports. This could help reveal whether the functions and importance of hedging vary across different types of news writing.
3. Since this research adopted Salager-Meyer's (1994) classification of hedges, future studies could employ alternative frameworks, such as Hyland's model of hedging or comparing both of the theories. Using different theoretical perspectives may lead to a deeper understanding of how hedges operate in discourse.
4. Future research could also explore the relationship between hedging and other linguistic features, including boosting, modality, evaluation, or framing. Such analyses may provide broader insights into how language is used to shape meaning and representation in news texts.
5. In addition, researchers may consider applying other approaches within Critical Discourse Analysis to further investigate how linguistic choices reflect ideology and influence the representation of social actors and events in the media.

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RESEARCH PLAN

This research will be conducted in 5 months starting from February until June 2026 in estimated by following the timeline of English for Business and Professional Communication Study Program. The research plan detailed as bellows:

No.	Activity	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
1.	The making of the proposal	✓				
2.	Registration for the seminar (30 Mar 2026)		✓			
3.	The seminar (6-10 Apr 2026)			✓		
4.	Revision of the seminar			✓		
5.	Identify the hedges	✓				
6.	Classify the hedges		✓			
7.	Analyze the data using ideological square		✓			
8.	The making of chapter I-IV	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9.	The making of chapter V			✓	✓	
10.	Registration for the final seminar (25 May 2026)				✓	
11.	The final seminar (2-5 June 2026)					✓
12.	Revision of the final seminar					✓



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APPENDIX

Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Shields	Mereka sedang menjalani perawatan dan diperkirakan akan kembali bertugas	Phrase	Avoiding full commitment	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)

Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Shields	Menyebut lokasi spesifik bisa memberi intelijen kepada Iran yang mungkin digunakan terhadap personel AS di lokasi-lokasi tersebut.	Word	Avoiding full commitment	(Iran) Other-negative representation (emphasizing their bad)

Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximators	Bulan Sabit Merah Iran melaporkan sedikitnya 201 orang tewas dan lebih dari 700 lainnya luka-luka akibat rangkaian serangan yang terjadi di berbagai wilayah Iran.	Phrases	Avoiding full commitment	(Iran) Other-negative representation (de-emphasizing their good)



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Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximators	Sementara itu, Bulan Sabit Merah Iran melaporkan sedikitnya 201 orang tewas dan lebih dari 700 lainnya luka-luka akibat rangkaian serangan yang terjadi di berbagai wilayah Iran.	Phrase	Reflect the limits of absolute accuracy	(Iran) Other-negative representation (de-emphasizing their good)

Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximators	Operasi tersebut diberi nama “Operation Epic Fury” dan menargetkan sejumlah instalasi strategis di Iran.	Word	Reflect the limits of absolute accuracy	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)

Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximators	Sementara banyak diaspora Iran bersorak atas kematian Khamenei, kemarahan terlihat di jalan-jalan negara tetangga Iran.	Word	Reflect the limits of absolute accuracy	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)



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Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximators	Ia mengatakan serangan Washington ke Iran akan berlangsung selama empat pekan atau sebulan.	Phrase	Reflect the limits of absolute accuracy	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)

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Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximators	“ Beredar klaim di media sosial bahwa Korps Garda Revolusi Islam Iran menyerang kapal induk USS Abraham Lincoln”	Phrase	Avoiding full commitment	(Iran) Other-negative representation (emphasizing their bad)

Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Attribution	Beredar rumor di media sosial yang menyatakan bahwa USS Abraham Lincoln – salah satu kapal induk AS di Teluk – telah diserang.	Phrase	Making statements less definite	(Iran) Other-negative representation (emphasizing their bad)



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Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Emotionally Charged Intensifiers	"Tetapi Amerika akan membalas kematian mereka dan memberikan pukulan paling telak kepada para teroris yang telah melancarkan perang melawan, pada dasarnya, peradaban,"	Phrase	-	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)

Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Emotionally Charged Intensifiers	"Lincoln terus meluncurkan pesawat untuk mendukung kampanye tanpa henti dalam menghadapi ancaman dari rezim Iran,"	Phrase	-	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)

Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Emotionally Charged Intensifiers	Situasi ini kini mengubah gambaran secara signifikan	Phrase	-	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)

Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Emotionally Charged Intensifiers	Korban jiwa merupakan isu politik yang sensitif di	Word	-	(US) Self-positive representation



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	Amerika Serikat dan Trump, yang berkampanye dengan mengecam intervensi asing, hanya sedikit menjelaskan alasan perang kepada publik AS.			(emphasizing our good)
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Types	Hedges found in IND news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Compound Hedges	Sayangnya, kemungkinan akan ada lebih banyak korban sebelum operasi ini berakhir," kata Trump.	Phrases	Avoiding full commitment	(US) Self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Shields	U.S. officials stated that the attack that killed three American soldiers may have been carried out by an Iran-backed militant group, although investigations are still ongoing.	Phrases	Making statements less definite	(Iran) Other-negative representation (emphasizing their bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Shields	US military forces might stay in the region to monitor the situation and prevent further escalation of the conflict.	Word	Avoiding full commitment	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)



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Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Shields	Donald Trump cautioned that “the lives of American heroes may be lost , and we may have casualties”	Phrases	Avoiding full commitment	(US) Self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Shields	Daniel Byman, a professor at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service, said the United States would probably find it difficult to sustain large-scale operations at a rapid pace.	Phrase	Avoiding full commitment	(US) Self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Shields	“You know, we expect that to happen, unfortunately,” Trump told the newspaper. “ Could happen continuous — it could happen again.”	Phrases	Avoiding full commitment	(US) Self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)



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Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Shields	“The regime still might be able to stay in power, even if the United States and Israel inflict significant damage on the regime’s leadership and military forces,” Mr. Byman said.	Phrases	Avoiding full commitment	(US) Self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Attribution	Likely be more , but we’ll do everything possible where that won’t be the case.	Phrase	Avoiding full commitment	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Attribution	Army soldiers deployed to Kuwait as part of a unit that oversees supplies and logistics, according to a person familiar with the situation who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.	Phrase	Avoiding full commitment	(US) self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)



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Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Attribution	US forces remain on heightened alert following the deaths of three American service members, according to officials familiar with the matter.	Phrase	Avoiding full commitment	(US) self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
approximator	Iranian state media reported that the number of people killed in a missile attack on a girls' school in southern Iran has climbed to nearly 150 .	Phrase	Making statements less definite	(US) self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
approximator	In Iran, the U.S.-Israeli strikes have killed at least 133 civilians and wounded 200 others, according to HRANA, the media agency of an Iranian rights group based in Washington.	Phrase	Making statements less definite	(Iran) other-negative representation (de-emphasizing our bad)



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Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
approximator	CENTCOM later said that the military had carried out strikes on more than 1,000 Iranian targets since it started its attacks.	Phrase	Making statements less definite	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
approximator	Iran has launched hundreds of retaliatory missiles at a wide range of American and Israeli targets in the region.	Phrase	Making statements less definite	(Iran) Other-negative representation (emphasizing their bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
approximator	Several others sustained minor shrapnel injuries and concussions — and are in the process of being returned to duty.	Phrase	Making statements less definite	(US) Self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximator	The Israeli military said on Sunday its airstrikes had destroyed about 200 ballistic missile launchers and rendered dozens more inoperable	Phrase	Making statements less definite	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)



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	over the past two days, taking out roughly half of Iran's launcher arsenal			
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Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Compound hedges	President Donald Trump said could likely lead to more losses in the coming weeks .	Phrase	Making statements less definite	(US) Self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our good)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximate or	Iran has launched hundreds of retaliatory missiles at a wide range of American and Israeli targets in the region	Phrase	Reflect the limits of absolute accuracy	(Iran) Other-negative representation (emphasizing their bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximate or	The Israeli military said on Sunday its airstrikes had destroyed about 200 ballistic missile launchers and rendered dozens more inoperable over the past two days, taking out roughly half of Iran's launcher arsenal.	Phrase	Reflect the limits of absolute accuracy	(Iran) Other-negative representation (de-emphasizing their good)



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Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximative	“And the big question, of course, is how many more service personnel will be put at risk,” Fisher added.	Phrase	Reflect the limits of absolute accuracy	(US) Self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Approximative	The military has not released any additional details regarding where the videos were taken but noted that most were taken on Saturday.	Phrase	Reflect the limits of absolute accuracy	(Iran) Other-negative representation (de-emphasizing their good)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Emotionally charged intensifiers	The grim toll signaled that Iran was more prepared for war than the Trump administration anticipated, U.S. military officials said.	Phrase	-	(US) Self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)



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Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Emotionally charged intensifiers	Trump said Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 Eric Slover piloted the lead CH-47 Chinook helicopter that descended on the “ heavily protected military fortress” where Maduro was staying.	Phrase	-	(US) self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Emotionally charged intensifiers	US officials vowed the most punishing retaliation against the groups believed to be behind the attack.	Phrase	-	(US) self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Emotionally charged intensifiers	A number of reports indicated that US forces had increased their readiness following the incident.	Phrase	-	(US) self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)



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Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Emotionally charged intensifiers	The drone strike came just one day after President Donald Trump announced that the United States would be taking “ massive and ongoing ” military action, dubbed “Operation Epic Fury.”	Phrase	-	(US) Self-positive representation (emphasizing our good)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Emotionally charged intensifiers	“Trump’s unprovoked, illegal attack on Iran is an act of war that threatens to cause unthinkable death and destruction”	Word	-	(US) Self-positive representation (de-emphasizing our bad)

Types	Hedges found in EN news report	Linguistic unit	principle	Ideological square
Compound Hedges	Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr., a former leader of Central Command, said it would probably become clear in the next 48 to 72 hours whether Iran could maintain its heavy barrage of retaliatory missile strikes	Phrase	Avoiding full commitment	(Iran) Other-negative representation (emphasizing their bad)



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Aspiring Communication & PR Specialist

A versatile and detail-oriented final-year student at Politeknik Negeri Jakarta, majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in English for Business Communication. Experienced in both government and clinical settings, with proven ability to handle data management, document organization, front-office communication, and administrative support. Skilled in translation, content creation, and digital tools with a strong foundation in public relations from various student leadership roles.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Politeknik Negeri Jakarta

Aug 2022 – Present

D4 – English for Business and Professional Communication

- **Relevant Coursework:** Professional English and Indonesian Grammar, Translation (Business, Legal, Journalistic), Interpreting, Audiovisual Translation, Creative Writing, Copywriting, Public Relation, Public Speaking, Data Entry

WORK EXPERIENCE

Klinik Harapan Insani – Bojong Gede, West Java

May – Jul 2023

Administrative Coordinator Intern

- Data management: Update, organize, analyze, and report on business and medical record
- Ensuring all documents were complete before and after medical examinations
- Facilitating communication between patients and doctors/nurses
- Maintaining a clean, welcoming, and professional front desk area

The Ministry of Agriculture of RI – Pasar Minggu, South Jakarta

Jul – Nov 2025

Monitoring and Evaluation Staff at UPLAND Project, Directorate General of Agricultural Infrastructure and Facilities (Internship)

- Translating UPLAND project documents, including logical framework and related technical documents, from Indonesian to English as well as English to Indonesian
- Compiling and organizing data from beneficiary districts involved in the UPLAND project



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The Ministry of Agriculture of RI – Pasar Minggu, South Jakarta Jan – May 2025

Monitoring and Evaluation Staff at Directorate General of Agricultural Infrastructure and Facilities (Internship)

- Updating data such as: pictures, Decree of Prospective Farmers and Locations (SK/CPCL), National Identity Cards (KTP), Proposals, Budget Plans (RAB/RUKK), Area Plotting, Survey, Investigation, and Design (SID), As-Built Drawing (ABD), Bank Account Information, Initial Balance, Final Balance, pictures of progress, and Handover Reports (BAST) into the MPO system
- Attending public hearing meetings (Rapat Dengar Pendapat/RDP)
- Calculating village expenditure receipts
- Analyzing data and compiling reports
- Organizing documents from every district in Indonesia

ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCE

Student Class Structure

Sept 2022 – Present

Public Relations Officer for the 2022

- Broadcasting important announcements from the department and campus to the student of 2022 in the program study
- Designing Instagram contents
- Representatives of class 2022
- Elevating the engagement level
- Producing contents related to study program in Instagram

Masa Bimbingan Administrasi Niaga (MABIM AN) 2024

Mar – Jul 2024

Staff of Logistics and Safety Committee

- Providing basic medicine and first aid kits to committee members and participants
- Monitoring participants' health and distributed meals
- Responding promptly to signs of illness or fatigue
- Responsible for maintaining order, cleanliness, crowd control, and venue safety during the event.

INTRO BISPRO 2024

Jun – Oct 2023

Head of Public Relations

- Capturing and documenting (photos & videos) and social media captions
- Delivering important information to employees clearly and effectively.
- Strengthening internal relations between management and staff.
- Distributing tasks to PR members and ensured smooth communication with the participants



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Arena of English (AOE) 2023

Sept – Dec 2023

Head of Public Relations

- Assigned roles to crew members and coordinated PR tasks
- Ensured accurate information delivery to all participants
- Increased social media engagement by 60% through strategic content.
- Managed a team of 10, enhancing productivity and collaboration.

Arena of English (AOE) 2022

Sept – Dec 2022

Public Relations Staff

- Documented competitions through photos and videos
- Initiated content ideas (interviews, captions), contacted external partners, and conducted school outreach
- Act as a liaison between the event attendees or the public

SKILLS

- **Languages:** Bahasa Indonesia (native), English (Fluent).
- **Hard Skills:** Copywriting, Public Relations, Content Creation, Content Writing, Customer Service, Administration.
- **Soft Skills:** Translating documents, team and client communication, problem solving, adaptability, quick learning, public speaking.
- **Tools:** Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Canva, Spotify, TikTok, Instagram, WhatsApp

ACHIEVEMENT

- Top academic performer with the highest GPA in the Business Administration, recognized by the Department of Education through the Student Achievement Certificate Program.
- The 2nd Winner of The News Casting Contest on Local Polytechnic English Competition 2023.

CERTIFICATE

- Top academic performer with the highest GPA in the Business Administration
(No expiry date)



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