

## Expressive Speech Act in The Movie Transformers One

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**Abstract.** The main purpose of this research is to examine expressive speech acts in Transformers One. Focusing through the character Orion Pax (Optimus Prime) with Searle's (1969) speech act theory. The analysis explores how expressive speech acts describe how Orion Pax use expression in the dialogue and interaction with the others such as, gratitude, complaints, apologies, fear, praise, greetings, confidence, and disappointment. This research used qualitative descriptive method and focusing on character Orion Pax dialogues that using expression contribute to character development and interpersonal relationships. The use of expressive speech act in Transformers One showed its affect overall dialogues of Orion Pax to be more expressive and connecting the audiences more. expressive speech acts in this movie are great at providing emotions to the character Orion Pax dialogues, for better understanding and deeper connection.

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### 1. Introduction

Transformers One is the newest animated Transformers movie that explores its origin and the expressive speech acts in the film Transformers One contain valuable insights into how the character Orion Pax communicates and builds relationships within a narrative with D-16, Orion Pax character development is tested with ideological conflicts. Besides, expressive speech acts are crucial in character development and emotional growth or storytelling; this is revealed through the analysis of Transformers One movie dialogues, which contributes to audience engagement and narrative depth. Expressive speech acts convey psychological states such as feelings, emotions, or attitudes toward a particular situation. These include expressions of gratitude, complaints, apologies, fear, praise, greeting, confidence, and disappointment. Expressive speech acts reflect speakers' emotions and help establish and maintain relationships [1].

This study topic is essential to help shape Orion Pax as a character through character development, emotional growth, and inner conflicts for the crucial understanding of the motivation, such as Orion Pax or Optimus Prime. Since the movie explores their origins and early connection to becoming an enemy, analyzing expressive speech acts can provide insight into how Orion Pax's personalities and ideologies evolve. Understanding the speech acts also

enhances viewers' or audiences' appreciation of storytelling techniques and character dynamics; studying expressive speech acts in movie dialogues contributes to linguistics and how language evokes emotions and engages audiences. The audience's involvement in understanding Orion Pax's character development and emotional growth is crucial, making them an integral part of the analysis [2].

Previous research have explored expressive speech acts in the context of movies, how language is not only convey information but perform an action. Expressive speech acts is for better describe of speaker's feelings, attitudes or emotions, and analysis emphasizes the important in understanding function of expressive speech act which is conveying the speaker's emotions from the character dialogues. [3] Expressive speech acts use to express positive or negative of a character emotions and attitudes in the language, which is significant aspect to the pragmatic work of in the pragmatic function of expressive speech acts. Expressive speech acts in animated films play a crucial role in emotions and dramatic moments. Similarly, analyzed speech acts from science fiction movies and highlighted the function of shaping a character and audience perception. This study will explore how speech acts connect to the movie's themes and conflicts [4, 5].

This research is similar to previous studies of expressive speech acts works in the movie, highlight the character Orion Pax as through the journey of how he speak in the dialogues showing emotions to one another shaping Orion Pax as a character of the movie *Transformer One* to be expressively describe the emotions to audiences

Therefore, due to lack of researches about expressive speech act in the movie *Transformers One* personally this research aims to figuring out the character emotions and attitudes on how they convey it when speaking for the audiences to understanding the character deeply, and it describe the situation of the speaker more clear if its on the positive or negative type situation when the character Orion Pax speaking in the dialogues. Briefly the method for the analysis of expressive speech acts in this movie research is by watching the full movie of *Transformers One* to take notes on a specific scenes or moments that shows Orion Pax conveying emotions through the dialogues, the data then put into the table on what certain scenes of the dialogues expression and the pragmatic function of the dialogues expressive speech act.

## **2. Literature Review**

This study analysis of expressive speech acts in the *Transformers One* movie plays a big part in how people communicate emotions, as necessary it is in the film, and with the look of it, the director uses language to make the dialogue feel real; it's way to express emotions like gratitude, greetings, praising, apologies- lot more, this is what expressive speech acts work. This section dives into the theories behind expressive speech acts and how they made the movie dialogue feel more real.

The philosophers who developed the Speech Acts Theory, in exploring how language is used not only to convey information but also to perform action, the distinguished between constative sentences which perform an action and can be successful or unsuccessful. Three types of speech acts locutionary Acts, Illocutionary acts, and Perlocutionary acts. Categorizing illocutionary acts into five types which is, Assertives, Directives, Commissive, Expressive, and Declaration.

Expressive speech acts are those that convey speaker's feelings, attitudes or emotions. Janet Holmes providing six types, Expressive. Directive, Referential, Metalinguistic, Poetic, and Phatic. Holmes in her analysis emphasizes the importance of context In understanding

function of speech acts, depending on the situation and relationships of Expressive which is conveying the speaker's emotion to attitude for example apologizing [6].

How expressive speech acts can be used to express negative emotions or positive emotions and attitudes, using the Language. This delves into the pragmatic aspects of language, which is a significant aspect of pragmatics. Pragmatic function of expressive speech acts is the same utterance that could have different meaning and depending of the situational context [7].

In addition, Orion Pax's use of expression in different situations in the Transformers One movie leads many researchers who have looked at how people use expressive speech acts in various situations. How things like power and politeness influence them, and even looked at how expressions of emotion can be rude or impolite. Expressive speech acts play a crucial role in the emotional impact of movies. In the context of the Transformers One movie, these speech acts are instrumental in building a profound understanding with the audience. They add emotional weight to the narrative and help establish strong character connections. In the movie Transformers One Conversation, to analyze how expressive speech acts work in the conversation, one observes movie scripts to help identify Orion Pax's expression dialogues throughout the movie. Several studies have also examined how emotions come through in movie dialogue. In movie conversations, showing how expressive speech acts help maintain relationships between characters.

### **3. Method**

This study data source is collected and gathered from the movie Transformers One, which for a clear explanation. Transformers One is an animated Transformers movie different from the live-action Transformers movie directed, it is generally about one character, Orion Pax origin, through his journey with D-16 and the others finding the truth while progressively growth in emotional and character development, including Orion Pax dialogues text. This movie was chosen to discover a deep connection with Orion Pax in the film Transformers One and how the expression of emotion is often used in the dialogue text to describe the emotional growth and character development of this expressive speech act in the movie Transformers One.

The method used in this article is the descriptive qualitative method. This method was used to analyze how expressive speech acts works in the movie Transformers One by following Orion Pax through the journey and observing every dialogue of Orion Pax that shows an expression identified as gratitude, complaints, apologies, fear, praising, greeting, confidence, and disappointment. This data was confirmed there is speech acts found in the movie Transformers One Orion Pax dialogues and has been collected the data for this research.

How the researcher handled this study data collection from the movie: First, the researcher watched the Transformers One movie and then observed and read every Orion Pax character's dialogue to identify expression, emotion, and development. Secondly, writing down dialogues that identified expressive speech acts category: gratitude, complaints, apologies, fear, praising, greeting, confidence, and disappointment. In the final method, the researcher will put the data that have been collected into the table and briefly explain every dialogue chosen as expressive speech act findings by using descriptive qualitative to analyze Orion Pax dialogues text.

## 4. Results and Discussion

### 4.1. Data 1

Orion Pax: “Hey, and I appreciate you having my back, I am glad you’re there with me to get punched in the face.”

The dialogues is identified showing Orion Pax emotions of gratitude, which is expressing appreciation for maintaining social harmony by acknowledging the contributions of others and minimizing potential conflicts (see Figure 1).



Figure 1. Data 1 Orion pax expressive speech act.

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Figure 2. Data 2 Orion Pax Expressive speech act.



#### 4.3. Data 3

Orion Pax: “D-16, I may be a little dusty but corroded. That is too far.”

The expression of Orion Pax in the dialogue showed complaint expressive speech act, in pragmatic function complaint is frustrated with how one behavior or statement gives dissatisfaction to the speaker (see Figure 3).



**Figure 3.** Data 2 Orion Pax Expressive speech act.

#### 4.4. Data 4

Orion Pax: “Oh, Energon evening, everyone. Pardon me.”

The dialogue of Orion Pax in here showed an apology emotion after falling into random room or restaurant of the robots which is energon for their foods, an apology is expressing politeness in a way of respecting others reflects self-action (see Figure 4).



**Figure 4.** Data 4 Orion Pax Expressive speech act.

#### 4.5. Data 5

Orion Pax: “We’re better than this, don’t be like Sentinel”

Orion Pax identified showing fear expression based on the dialogue because Orion Pax won’t let D-16 as bad as Sentinel, expressive speech act of fear can be describe if it’s following the dialogue of Orion Pax is regulating the social behavior of fear that one individual might do risky actions and encouraging caution (see Figure 5).



**Figure 5.** Data 5 Orion Pax Expressive speech act

#### 4.6. Data 6

Orion Pax: "I run away; you chase me. We play that game. Come on, you're bigger and faster. It'll be fun."

Data dialogue presenting Orion Pax as he gets cornered creating atmosphere to calm the guards down this type of expressive speech act is praising, because praising is here creates a supporting atmosphere to make interactions more pleasant and respecting higher class (see Figure 6).



**Figure 6.** Data 6 Orion Pax Expressive speech act

#### 4.7. Data 7

Orion Pax: "Oh well, hello guys, I'm so glad you're here. Which way is the exit."

In the dialogue Orion Pax got caught by the guards and need to put a calm act while planning how to escape, the expressive speech act convey the speaker to greeting the guards, it identified as greeting expression which mean a salutation to others when one individual meets a person (see Figure 7).



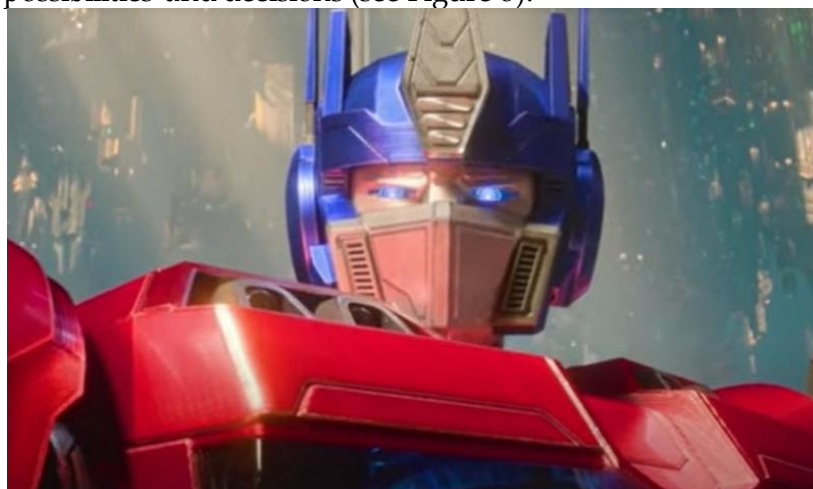
**Figure 7.** Data 5 Orion Pax Expressive speech act

Based on the data collected from several researcher sequence and dialogues as well as those of other supporting characters, this analysis showed that Isabella had to make two decisions she did not want to make, which caused her to go through an internal conflict. She is therefore compelled to employ self-defence mechanism in order to survive in unsafe conditions.

#### 4.8. Data 8

Orion Pax: "There's gotta be something more I can do I can feel it."

The expressive speech act has been identified as confident, it mean the person making their statements more persuasive and believable on specific things. Orion Pax attitude and emotion showed a confident energy, Orion Pax believe that there is more to do than only mining for energon . Confidence is an important trait that can help to achieve goals and live a more fulfilling life. It can be difficult to find the right words to describe this feeling, but confidence is close to being brave on things that expected to be correct or wrong whatever the cases is believing in self possibilities and decisions (see Figure 8).



**Figure 8.** Data 8 Orion Pax Expressive speech act



Optimus Prime: “We were given the power to change our world and you chose to destroy it, just like Sentinel.”

Orion Pax obtained the power of the matrix of leadership by Primus to defeat D-16, Orion Pax shows an expression of disappointment towards D-16 who does the exact same bad as Sentinel. The expressive speech act of disappointment is showing frustration with oneself to another to help them cope with the situation.

The use of expressive speech acts and how expressive speech acts impact the overall dialogues to be human-like emotions, the one that analyzed is Orion Pax or Optimus Prime of how this character convey emotional growth and character development. With collected data of expressive speech act that identifies there is gratitude, complaints, apologies, fear, praising, greeting, confidence, and disappointment. The emotions of Orion Pax not just describing how the speaker feels in attitudes or emotions contributes to Orion Pax overall dialogues in Transformers One movie. The expressiveness of Orion pax dialogues helps audiences connecting more deeply into the character decision and emotional attitudes, the overall expression of expressive speech act for Orion Pax is gratitude (2), complaint (3), apologies (3), fear (3), praising (2), greeting (1), confident (4), disappointment (1).

## 5. Conclusion

This study article paper is to demonstrates that expressive acts and the pragmatic analysis of expressive types of speech acts that are used in the dialogue are integral to the narrative and the depth of emotional expressive in Transformers One through the psychological states it contains the Gratitude, complaints, apologies, fear, praising, greeting, confident and disappointed. For the movie to foster a connection between Orion Pax audiences, expressive speech acts in this movie are great at providing emotions to the character Orion Pax dialogues for better understanding and deeper connection to audiences. Future research can be done by exploring expressive speech acts across genres in animated adaptations or live-action movies.

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