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Knowledge of lexical bundles is essential for university students in academic writing. The study of lexical bundles should be mastered in order to create a qualified text. In addition, recent studies show that the characteristics of lexical bundles are varied and different across registers and genres. However, it is still interesting to carry out the study, especially in the aviation students' essays and aviation published articles which seem to be limited. This study aims to know the types and discover the most dominant structural patterns of lexical bundles in the aviation students' essays and aviation published articles.

This study employed a corpus-based analysis which compiled a small specialized corpus consisting of 40 texts of aviation students' essays and 20 texts of aviation published articles. Moreover, AntConc software was used in order to generate the list of three-word to five-word bundles. The lexical bundles were analyzed and classified according to Bieber et al.'s (2004) structural taxonomy of lexical bundles and Bieber et al. (2007) with the cut-off frequency of occurrences minimum three times in three different texts.

Structural analysis shows that lexical bundles that incorporate verb phrase fragments were the most frequently produced by aviation students' essays and aviation published articles. Moreover, all types of lexical bundles appear in students' essays and published articles. Nevertheless, the cases of lexical bundles in aviation published articles are more numerous and varied than in the students' essays. It found that there are 5231 total cases of lexical bundles in aviation published articles and 2730 total cases of lexical bundles in aviation students' essays.

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