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## ABSTRAK

Piala Dunia 2018 yang berlangsung dari pertengahan bulan Juni hingga berakhir pada pertengahan bulan Juli tahun ini telah menyuguhkan banyak cerita yang berkesan bagi masyarakat dunia khususnya bagi pecinta sepak bola. Salah satu cerita yang sangat populer dari Piala Dunia tahun ini adalah aksi bintang Brasil, Neymar, yang terus menerus melakukan *diving* atau pura-pura terkena pelanggaran oleh pemain lawan. Aksi tersebut menjadi perbincangan banyak kalangan meskipun Piala Dunia telah usai. Perbincangan tersebut terekam dalam berbagai berita *headline*. Dalam penelitian ini penulis menggunakan sistem transitivitas untuk menemukan penggambaran *diving* yang dilakukan Neymar yang disampaikan oleh wartawan dalam berita *headline* mereka. Melalui analisis terhadap partisipan, proses, dan sirkumtanse dalam beberapa berita *headline* yang telah penulis kumpulkan, penulis menemukan terdapat delapan penggambaran *diving* yang Neymar lakukan pada Piala Dunia 2018. Kedelapan penggambaran tersebut adalah *diving* Neymar sebagai aksi yang pemicu kritik, aksi pemicu pembelaan, aksi pemicu lelucon, aksi yang sangat berlebihan, aksi yang menimbulkan penyesalan, contoh buruk bagi anak-anak, aksi yang dapat dimaafkan.

Kata Kunci: *Sistem Transitivitas, Diving Neymar, Berita Headline*

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Football World Cup 2018 had been done with France proudly brings the Glory Cup to their home. Aside from the victories, this World Cup gives people around the world so many unforgettable memories. The World Cup 2018, begun on 14 June until 15 July, attracted massive public's attention and showed so many dramatic stories. One of the most dramatic shows that will always be remembered in this World Cup is the action of Brazilian star, Neymar Jr. At the beginning of the World Cup, many people expected Neymar to be one of the shining stars. However, on this biggest stage of football in the world, he repeatedly made some play-acting of faking an injury (diving). Therefore, many responses appeared after his ridiculous acting.

The responses of the Neymar diving phenomena have been recorded in news headlines in many media around the world. News headline is the important part of the news article itself. It becomes the best tool for getting the attention of the readers. Besides grabbing the readers' attention, the other functions of news headline are delivering a complete message and drawing the readers into the news.

The news headlines on the Neymar diving in the World Cup is challenging to investigate their ideational meaning. As well as, people in using the language are focusing not only on the structure of word but also the meaning of the text itself. Based on Halliday's Systemic Functional Linguistics theory (2004), language has three types of meanings (ideational, interpersonal, and textual metafunctions) Ideational meaning, through transitivity system, has the key to

figure out what idea, experience, and concept used by the reporter in representing what phenomena in their news headlines. In this case, the writer is interested in analyzing the ideational meaning of news headlines on Neymar diving in the World Cup by using transitivity analysis.

By analyzing the participants, circumstances, and processes of transitivity, this study is aimed at investigation how Neymar diving was described through the language used in the news headlines by the journalists through focusing on three research problems: 1. What types of transitivity processes found in the news headlines, 2. Who participants that be found in the each of the news headlines. 3. How Neymar diving described by journalists on the news headlines.

In addition, in conducting the study, the writer chosen the data from three online media published from 22 June 2018 to 30 July 2018, they are *thesun.co.uk*, *goal.com*, and *talksport.com*. Those online media are the online media that frequently reported the news article about Neymar's diving in the World Cup 2018. Since *thesun.co.uk* becomes the online media form of the largest circulation of any daily newspaper in the United Kingdom, the country that calls the association football as the most popular sport. *Goal.com* is the popular media that focusing on informing everything about football and *talksport.com* is the online media form of the world's biggest sports radio station. Moreover, the writer limit this study on analyzing the transitivity system of the news headlines took from *thesun.co.uk*, *goal.com*, and *talksport.com*.

In a linguistic study, there are some previous researchers using transitivity analysis to discuss their study of various object and purposes. In this study, the writer chose three previous studies used as the references for this research. The first one entitled "*Transitivity: a Discourse Analysis of Selected American Newspapers towards Iran's Nuclear Program*" written by Fatemeh Bagheri from Wuhan University (2013). The objective of her research is to examine the effect of US's newspapers' discourses in Iran's nuclear program development using transitivity analysis. From analyzing the participants and processes of transitivity from some article in three newspaper (*New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*) about Iran's nuclear program, she reveals that all of the newspapers trying to draw a negative picture of the nuclear program of Iran to the ambition of having a nuclear weapon. The next paper entitled "*Recognizing the Metafunction of News Item*" written by Achmad Hilal Madjdi and Agung Dwi Nurcahyo (2014). In their study, they investigate the ideational meaning found in the headline news of *The Jakarta Post* Daily newspaper on fuel price-increasing issue in April 2012. They found that the classification embedded in the phase sequences of *The Jakarta Post* headline news on fuel price-increasing issue in April 2012 are facts, comments, and quotations. The last study is "*Representing the Event of King Salman's Visit through the Editorial Text*" written by Nurul Musdalifah (2017). In that study, she used the transitivity analysis in identifying a social event in the editorial text of *The Jakarta Post* news text entitled "*Ahlan Wa Sahlan King Salman*". Base on her study, she found two kinds of social events identified in the text, which are the visit and the policy. In

the social event of policy, there is some focus, such as investment, pilgrimage, and petroleum cooperation between two countries. She discovered that there are four kinds of the process in that text (material process, relational process, existential process, and mental process).

In conducting this study, I use transitivity system that is the part of Systemic Functional Linguistics theory established and developed by M.A.K Halliday(2004) from the book entitled “*An Introduction to Functional Grammar: Third Edition*”. According to Halliday and Matthiessen, there are three metafunctions of language, they are ideational, interpersonal, and textual (2013:30). deational metafunction is the language metafunction that expresses the idea, concept and also experience in the text. Interpersonal metafunction expresses a speaker’s attitudes and judgment, and textual metafunction expresses the relation of language to its environment.

In this research, I focus on analyzing the ACT, idea, and concept occurring in the text. Moreover, in conducting the data analysis, I use the transitivity system as the device to identify the types of process contained in the data. The key analytical term of ideational metafunction is transitivity system. It represents these functions in every clause. Transitivity analysis can reflect the clause in its “who=does=what=to=whom”, “who/what=is=what/who”, when, where, why, or how function. Halliday in Gerot and Wignell (1994:54) identified that there are 7 different process types.

1. **Material process.** The material process is the process of material doing. In the material process, there are two participants. They are ‘actor’ (an entity which does the activity) and ‘goal’ (an entity which the process is addressed to).
2. **Mental process.** The mental process is the process of sensing. In this process, there are three process types: affective, cognitive, and perceptive. In the mental process, there are two participant roles. They are ‘*Senser*’ and ‘*ACT*’.
3. **Behavioral process.** The behavioral process is the psychological and physiological activities which describe human physical behavior. The participant in this process is usually called *behave*.
4. **Verbal process.** The verbal process is the process of saying. The process of saying functions to reporting, such as remind, deny, and so on. It has a participant named ‘*sayer*’, who is the doer of the process. Other participants who belong to the verbal process are the *target* (the actor who is acted verbally) and *verbiage* (the name of verbalization).
5. **Existential Process.** The existential process indicates the presence or entity. Semantically, the existential process occurs between the material and relational processes.
6. **Meteorological process.** The meteorological process is the transitivity system that represents something related to weather and time.
7. **Relational process.** The relational process is the process of being and having. There are two types of the relational process; they are identifying

process (process established an identity) and attributive process (process assigned a quality).

This study type is descriptive qualitative research since in conducting the research; I describe ideas based on the result of the analysis. In addition, I applied the non-participant observation method since in doing this research I did not concern in the processes of making data (news headlines) to be observed. Moreover, in obtaining the data, I used the documentation method because the data in this research were collected from mass media. I took the original texts from *thesun.co.uk*, *talksport.com*, and *goal.com* (*Thesun.co.uk*: 21 news headlines, *talksport.com*:7 news headlines, and *goal.com*: 10 news headlines).

In analyzing the data, I used *Padan Method*, particularly *Referential Identity*. Referential Identity is the method used to identify the words or phrases in a text (Sudaryanto, 1993). The main element that would be analyzed in this study is sentence structure which is laid down in the clause. Therefore, the technique used in this study is *BUL* or *Bagi Unsur Langsung Teknik* or Immediate Constituent Analysis (ICA). According to Sudaryanto (1993), *Bagi Unsur Langsung Teknik* is an analysis that divided the lingual unit into multiple elements. Furthermore, the following are the procedures for analyzing the data conducted by the writer: Firstly, I collected the data from *thesun.co.uk*, *talksport.com*, and *goal.com*. Then, I drew the table of the transitivity system. After that, I identified the processes occurring in the transitivity system. Next, I Identified the Portraits of Neymar Diving based on the results of the ideational meaning analysis. Then, I presented the result in the discussion. Finally, I drew the conclusion.

## 2. DISCUSSION

In this part, the writer would like to present the result of the data analysis that determines the research problems and finds the objective of it. By analyzing the participants, circumstances, and processes of transitivity, the writer is going to investigate how Neymar diving was described through the language used in the news headlines by the journalists. Based on the result of the analysis, the writer revealed that the journalists described Neymar diving as triggering act of criticism, triggering act of defense, triggering act of joke on Neymar, hyperbolic act, regrettable act, bad example for children, and forgivable act. Overall, there are 37 data which consist of 38 transitivity systems that contain those portraits above.

The complete findings of the transitivity systems will be shown in the table 2.1 which are described by the number, percentage of each process type, and the processes.

**Table 2.1**

**Table of Transitivity Process Finding**

No.	Type of Process	Frequency	%	Verb
1.	Verbal	22	57.5%	Blasts, insists, were branded, says, blasted, told, defends, begs, slammed, slam, vows
2.	Behavioural	8	21.5%	Mocked, ridiculed, mock, bans
3.	Material	4	10.5%	Are already being copied, left fumbling, come back, flop
4.	Relational	4	10.5%	Has spent, means, appear, is
Total		38	100%	

According to the data above, in describing Neymar Diving journalists used four types of transitivity process (Verbal, Behavioural, Material, and Relational Process) with the verbal process is most dominant in used.

## **2.1 Triggering Act of Criticism**

Criticizing means to consider the merits, demerits, and judge accordingly something or evaluating. In this case, the journalists presented some news headlines describing Neymar diving as the triggering act of criticism. Totally, there are 13 news headlines showing this description, namely data 1, data 4, data 6, data 7, data 9, data 10, data 12, data 13, data 16, data 22, data 23, data 26, data 37. The all of data above used the verbal process, except data 6 and data 7. Data 6 and data 7 used the behavioural process.

The participants who criticized the Neymar Diving in World Cup 2018 were Mexico star in data 1, Diego Maradona (an Argentine retired professional footballer and current manager of Mexican second division club Dorados) in data 4, Eric Cantona (a French actor and former international footballer for the French national team) in data 6, fans of Neymar in data 7 and 13, Brazil legend Ronaldo in data 9, Tite (a Brazilian professional football coach and former player who is the current manager of the Brazil national team) in data 10, Romelu Lukaku ( a football player of the Belgium national team) in data 12, Holland legend Marco van Basten in data 16, South American football expert in data 23, Germany legend Lothar Matthaus in data 26, Elber (a retired Brazilian footballer who

played as a striker) in data 38, Guardado (a Mexican professional footballer who plays for Spanish club Real Betis and the Mexico national team) in data 39. Based on the explanation above, the participants who criticize Neymar diving are people who know about football or like football.

**Data 1**

Neymar likes to ‘dive and exaggerate fouls’ blasts Mexico star ahead of last 16 clash

<b>Neymar likes to ‘dive and exaggerate fouls’</b>	<b>blasts</b>	<b>Mexico star</b>	<b>ahead of last 16 clash</b>
Verbiage	Verbal	Sayer	Circumstance: Time
Verbal process			

In data 1, the verb *blasts* that means to criticize harshly and usually publicly is the sign of the verbal process, and the ‘sayer’, the participant who is doer in this process, is *Mexico star*, and the phrase *ahead of last 16 clash* is circumstance of time that showed the time when the ‘sayer’ did the process. Through the verbal process, the journalist described that because the diving that Neymar frequently did in World Cup, the Mexico football star criticize Neymar by branding this Brazilian star as the person who take pleasure in doing the diving.

**2.2 Triggering Act of Defense**

There are some participants in the clause of news headlines who defended Neymar for the action of diving that Neymar did in the World Cup. There are 8 news headlines indicating that Journalists described Neymar Diving as the triggering act of defense. They are data 3, data 18, data 20, data 25, data 32, data 33, data 34,

and data 35. All of the clauses in those news headlines which showed this description used the verbal process.

The participants who gave this defense were the national football team of Mexico in data 3; Will Smith (an American actor, producer, comedian, rapper and songwriter who performed in the closing ceremony of football World Cup 2018) in data 18; Neymar himself in data 20, data 35, and data 36, Adrian Drham (a football journalist and broadcaster) in data 25; Gillberto Silva (a Brazilian former professional football player) in data 33; and Kaka (a Brazilian retired professional footballer) in data 34. According to the explanation above, the participants who defended Neymar are people who are expert in football and people who had the connection in the Football World Cup 2018.

### Data 18

World Cup 2018: Will Smith defends Neymar’s play-acting as he prepares to perform at closing ceremony

<b>Will Smith</b>	<b>Defends</b>	<b>Neymar’s play-acting</b>
Sayer	Verbal	Target
Verbal process		

<b>As he prepares to perform at closing ceremony</b>
Circumstance: time

That clause used the verbal process in showing its ideational meaning. The sign of the verbal process, ‘verbal’, in that clause is the verb *defends* which means to maintain or support in the face of argument or hostile criticism. *Will Smith* is

the ‘sayer’ in this process as he is the subject of the clause that has a verb *defends*. The target of this verbal process is *Neymar’s play-acting* in another word Neymar diving. From this clause, the journalist informed the readers that Will Smith gave his argument about Neymar diving and he maintained the Neymar diving from some hostile criticisms. Although, in that news headline, the journalist did not inform the readers what was the argument. The clause *as he prepares to perform at closing ceremony* showed the time when Will Smith gave his defending, and it also showed that Will Smith had the connection in the Football World Cup.

### **2.3 Triggering Act of Jokes on Neymar**

There are 8 news headlines indicating Neymar diving becomes the joke committed by people. Those 8 news headlines are data 2, data 5, data 8, data 14, data 15, data 17, data 19, and data 31. In those news headlines, the journalists informed the readers that after Neymar did his diving continuously in the World Cup, there were some reactions from some circle that making fun of Neymar diving. The processes which were used by the journalists in describing this portrait were the behavioural process, material process and relational process. data 2, data 5, data 15, data 17, and data 19 used the behavioural process with the verb ‘mocked’ (data 2, data 5, and data 19) and ‘ridiculed’ (data 5 and data 7). Data 14 and data 31 used the relational process, and data 8 used material process.

The used of behavioural process by journalists in describing this portrait is proven by the following analysis:

**Data 2**

World Cup 2018: Neymar mocked for outrageous roll as hilarious meme sweeps the net

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>Mocked</b>	<b>for outrageous roll</b>
Range	Behavioural	Circumstance: Reason
Behavioural process		

<b>as hilarious meme sweeps the net</b>
Circumstance: Manner

By using the two behavioural processes above, the journalist informed the readers that hilarious meme made by someone was viral on the the internet, and that meme mocked the Neymar diving. From the clause *hilarious meme sweeps the net*, the journalists inform the readers how the meme go viral. In addition, by writing “*Neymar mocked for outrageous roll*” the journalist added the message that the meme conveyed, mocking Neymar for his diving.

The used of material process is proven by the following analysis of data 8

**Data 8**

World Cup 2018: Neymar’s embarrassing antics are already being copied by kids shows hilarious video

<b>Neymar’s embarrassing antics</b>	<b>Are already being copied</b>	<b>by kids</b>	<b>shows hilarious video</b>
Goal	Material	Actor	Circ.
Material process			

## 2.4 Hiperbolic Act

There are two news headlines indicating the portrait of Neymar diving as the hiperbolic act. They are data 27 and data 28. In those two news headlines, the journalists described how Neymar did his diving which seemed so excessive. In describing this process, the journalists used relational process. The following below is the analysis of the data 27 and data 28.

The following is the example of data analysis indicating the portrait of Neymar diving as the overacting action.

### Data 27

Brazil v Belgium: Maroune fellaini takes just five minutes to make his mark on Neymar

<b>Maroune fellaini</b>	<b>Takes</b>	<b>just five minutes</b>	<b>to make his mark on Neymar</b>
Carrier	Attributive	Attribute	Circumstance: Purpose
Relational process			

In data 27, by using relational process, the journalist described how fast, just five minute, Maroune felline, a Belgian professional football player, Neymar's opponent, made Neymar going to ground. Moreover, through this clause, the journalist wanted to describe that Neymar did the diving, and the portrait of his diving is the overacting is showed by how fast Neymar went to ground.

## 2.5 Continuous Act

The next portrait of Neymar diving described by the journalists is continuous act. There are two news headlines indicating these portraits. The first is data 29, and the other is data 30. All of the data indicating this portrait used the material process. Through the process of material and its circumstances, the journalists informed the reader that Neymar did the diving continuously.

### Data 30

#### Neymar's theatrics come back to haunt Brazil

<b>Neymar's theatrics</b>	<b>come back</b>	<b>to haunt Brazil</b>
Actor	Material	Circumstance: Purpose
Material process		

In the data 30, the phrase *Neymar's theatrics*, the other term for Neymar divings, is the actor of this process. It did the material action *come back* which indicated that Neymar divings have held before that. In addition, the circumstance of purpose *to haunt Brazil* indicated that Neymar Divings is something that has a bad impact on the Brazil national football team.

## 2.6 Regrettable Act

This portrait described how Neymar feel guilty because of his divings. The writer found one news headlines indicating this portrait that is data 21. This data used the verbal process in delivering its message. Through the verbal process the journalist convey the message of how the Neymar's feeling to the reader.

### Data 21

#### Neymar begs for forgiveness for World Cup 2018 diving shame

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>begs</b>	<b>for forgiveness</b>	<b>for World Cup 2018 diving shame</b>
Sayer	Verbal	Circumstance: Purpose	Circumstance: Reason
Verbal process			

In that clause, the phrase *begs for forgiveness* which means to ask earnestly for forgiveness showed the sincerity of Neymar in asking forgiveness to many people, and indicated that Neymar felt so guilty. The circumstance of reason *for World Cup 2018 diving shame* explained that what made him felt guilty was his divings in World Cup 2018.

## 2.7 Bad Example for Children

There is one news headlines described Neymar diving as the bad example for children (data 11). In this news headlines journalist informed the readers how Neymar diving influenced the children in playing football.

### Data 11

Primary school Bans children from playing football because they were diving like Brazil's World Cup star Neymar

<b>Primary school</b>	<b>Bans</b>	<b>children from playing football</b>
Behaving	Behavioural	Range
Behavioural process		

<b>because they were diving like Brazil's World Cup star Neymar</b>
Circumstance: Reason

The participant "Primary school" that is function as the behaving in this process doing an action "BANS" which means to prevent the participation, consideration, or inclusion. The range, something which is become the object of the action (bans) is 'children from football'. In addition, the circumstance of reason "they were diving like Brazil's World Cup star Neymar" is the cause of the action the first clause. In the other word, the cause of the action of the first clause (bans) that be done by the "Primary school" is the action (were diving) that be done by the actor of the second clause (they who refer to the children). The phrase "like Brazil's World Cup star Neymar" is the circumstance of comparison that described how the children dived as the Neymar did. Moreover, from the news headlines above, the journalist implicitly described that the children diving influencing by Neymar diving is the bad action and the Neymar diving, the cause of children diving, is the bad example for children.

## **2.8 Forgivable Act**

The last portrait of Neymar diving that described by journalists in the news headlines is forgivable act. Although many people think that Neymar diving as negative act, in data using material process 24 the journalists described Neymar diving as the act that forgivable, and some people can accepted it.

### Data 24

‘Absolutely sick to death’ – Fans left fuming after Neymar’s ‘pathetic’ theatrics help knock Mexico out of World Cup

<b>Fans</b>	<b>left fuming</b>
Actor	Material
Material process	

<b>after Neymar’s ‘pathetic’ theatrics help knock Mexico out of World Cup</b>
Circumstance: time

In the first clause of the analysis of data 24, the material or action *left fuming* that the actor *fans* (the fans of Neymar or Brazilian national football team) explained that the fans were not angry anymore. The second clause is the reason why the fans were not angry anymore. The fans did not fumed anymore because the Neymar diving helped the team to win the match againsts Mexico.

### 3. CONCLUSION

Through the analysis of participants, circumstances, and processes of transitivity system, the writer revealed that on the news headlines, journalists described Neymar diving mostly negatively. They described Neymar diving as the triggering act of criticism, the triggering act of jokes on Neymar, the hyperbolic act, the bad example for children, the regrettable act and the continuous bad act. However there are 9 news headlines that described Neymar diving positively. The journalists described Neymar diving as the forgivable act (data 11) and the triggering act of defense (8 news headlines).

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## APPENDIX 1

### Data 1

Neymar likes to ‘dive and exaggerate fouls’ blasts Mexico star ahead of last 16 clash

<b>Neymar likes to ‘dive and exaggerate fouls’</b>	<b>blasts</b>	<b>Mexico star</b>	<b>ahead of last 16 clash</b>
Verbiage	Verbal	Sayer	Circumstance: Time
Verbal process			

### Data 2

World Cup 2018: Neymar mocked for outrageous roll as hilarious meme sweeps the net

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>Mocked</b>	<b>for outrageous roll</b>
Range	Behavioural	Circumstance: Reason
Behavioural process		

<b>as hilarious meme sweeps the net</b>
Circumstance: Manner

### Data 3

Neymar was being targeted by Mexico... we should have sympathy for Brazil superstar rather than mocking him

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>was being targeted</b>	<b>by Mexico</b>
Target	Verbal	Sayer
Verbal process		

<b>We should have sympathy for Brazil superstar rather than mocking him</b>
Verbiage

**Data 4**

World Cup 2018: Diego Maradona insists Brazil talisman Neymar ‘has to change’ over diving antics

<b>Diego Maradona</b>	<b>Insists</b>	<b>Brazil talisman Neymar</b>
Sayer	Verbal	Target
Verbal process		

<b>Neymar ‘has to change’ over diving antics</b>
Verbiage process

**Data 5**

World Cup 2018: Neymar diving antics ridiculed in brilliant new KFC advert

<b>Neymar diving antics</b>	<b>Ridiculed</b>	<b>in brilliant new KFC advert</b>
Range	Behavioural	Circumstance: Place
Behavioural		

**Data 6**

World Cup 2018: Neymar mocked by Eric Cantona in hilarious advert as French legend compares Brazil star to dodgy hand luggage

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>Mocked</b>	<b>by Eric Cantona</b>	<b>in hilarious advert</b>
Range	Behavioural	Behaving	Circumstance: Place
Behavioural process			

<b>as French legend compares Brazil star to dodgy hand luggage</b>
Circumstance: Manner

**Data 7**

World Cup 2018: Neymar rolls around on floor after being ‘stamped on’ in Mexico win... but Brazil star still mocked by fans for dramatic antics

<b>Neymar rolls around on floor after being ‘stamped on’ in Mexico win</b>
Circumstance: Reason

**but**

<b>Brazil star</b>	<b>still mocked</b>	<b>by fans</b>	<b>for dramatic antics</b>
Range	Behavioural	Behaving	Circumstance: Reason
Behavioural process			

**Data 8**

World Cup 2018: Neymar’s embarrassing antics are already being copied by kids shows hilarious video

<b>Neymar’s embarrassing antics</b>	<b>Are already being copied</b>	<b>by kids</b>	<b>shows hilarious video</b>
Goal	Material	Actor	Circ.
Material process			

**Data 9**

World Cup 2018: Neymar is NOT a serial diver and needs more protection from referees, insists Brazil legend Ronaldo

<b>Neymar is NOT a serial diver and needs more protection from referees</b>
Verbiage

<b>Insists</b>	<b>Brazil legend Ronaldo</b>
Verbal	Sayer
Verbal process	

**Data 10**

World Cup 2018: Neymar's theatrics were branded a 'bad example to my son' by Brazil boss Tite

<b>Neymar's theatrics</b>	<b>were branded</b>	<b>a 'bad example to my son'</b>	<b>by Brazil boss Tite</b>
Target	Verbal	Verbiage	Sayer
Verbal process			

**Data 11**

Primary school Bans children from playing football because they were diving like Brazil's World Cup star Neymar

<b>Primary school</b>	<b>Bans</b>	<b>children from playing football</b>
Behaving	Behavioural	Range
Behavioural process		

<b>because they were diving like Brazil's World Cup star Neymar</b>
Circumstance: Reason

**Data 12**

World Cup 2018: Brazil superstar Neymar has spent 14 MINUTES rolling on the floor – but Romelu Lukaku says he’s not an actor

<b>Brazil superstar Neymar</b>	<b>has spent</b>	<b>14 MINUTES</b>	<b>rolling</b>	<b>on the floor</b>
Token	Identifying	Value	Circumstance: Matter	Circumstance: Place
Relational process				

**but**

<b>Romelu Lukaku</b>	<b>Says</b>	<b>He’s not an actor</b>
Sayer	Verbal	Verbiage
Verbal process		

**Data 13**

World Cup 2018: Neymar blasted for diving as fans slam World Cup ref for not showing a yellow card

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>Blasted</b>	<b>for diving</b>
Target	Verbal	Circumstance: Reason
Verbal process		

<b>As fans slam World Cup ref for not showing a yellow card</b>
Circumstance: Reason

**Data 14**

World Cup 2018: Neymar challenge is the viral trend poking fun at Brazil star that’s sweeping the internet

<b>Neymar challenge</b>	<b>Is</b>	<b>the viral trend</b>	<b>poking fun at Brazil star</b>
Carrier	Attributive	Attribute	Circumstance: Purpose
Relational process			

<b>that</b>	<b>is sweeping</b>	<b>the internet</b>
Actor	Material	Goal
Material process		

### Data 15

World Cup 2018: Neymar mocked as Mexican team Club Tijuana hold half-time 'Neymar Challenge' rolling race

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>mocked</b>
Range	Behaviuoral
Behavioural process	

<b>Mexican team Club Tijuana hold half-time 'Neymar Challenge' rolling race</b>
Circumstance: Manner

### Data 16

Neymar told to stop acting and improve attitude by Holland legend Marco van Basten

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>told</b>	<b>to stop acting and improve attitude</b>	<b>by Holland legend Marco van Basten</b>
Target	Verbal	Circumstance: Purpose	Sayer
Verbal process			

**Data 17**

World Cup 2018: Neymar ridiculed for diving antics in hilarious alphabet meme

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>Ridiculed</b>	<b>for diving antics</b>	<b>in hilarious alphabet meme</b>
Range	Behavioural	Circumstance: Reason	Circumstance: Place
Behavioural process			

**Data 18**

World Cup 2018: Will Smith defends Neymar's play-acting as he prepares to perform at closing ceremony

<b>Will Smith</b>	<b>Defends</b>	<b>Neymar's play-acting</b>
Sayer	Verbal	Target
Verbal process		

<b>As he prepares to perform at closing ceremony</b>
Circumstance: time

**Data 19**

World Cup: Neymar trolling reaches whole new level as two COMPUTER GAMES now mock Brazilian star's theatrics

<b>two COMPUTER GAMES</b>	<b>Now</b>	<b>mock</b>	<b>Brazilian star's theatrics</b>
Behaving	Circ: Time	Behavioural	Range
Behavioural process			

**Data 20**

Brazil star Neymar defends World Cup diving... saying he needed ‘five hours of ice’ after each game to recover

<b>Brazil star Neymar</b>	<b>Defends</b>	<b>World Cup diving</b>
Sayer	Verbal	Target
Verbal process		

<b>Saying he needed ‘five hours of ice’ after each game to recover</b>
Verbiage

**Data 21**

Neymar begs for forgiveness for World Cup 2018 diving shame

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>begs</b>	<b>for forgiveness</b>	<b>for World Cup 2018 diving shame</b>
Sayer	Verbal	Circumstance: Purpose	Circumstance: Reason
Verbal process			

**Data 22**

Most shameless player in football-Neymar slammed for crying after Brazil beat Costa Rica

<b>Most shameless player in football-Neymar</b>	<b>Slammed</b>	<b>for crying</b>	<b>after Brazil beat Costa Rica</b>
Target	Verbal	Circumstance: Reason	Circumstance: Time
Verbal process			

**Data 23**

Spoiled ‘Neymar is 26 going on 13’-South American football expert slams Brazil’s star’s behaviour at World Cup

<b>South American football expert</b>	<b>slams</b>	<b>Brazil's star's behaviour at World Cup</b>
Sayer	Verbal	Target
Verbal process		

#### Data 24

'Absolutely sick to death' – Fans left fuming after Neymar's 'pathetic' theatrics help knock Mexico out of World Cup

<b>Fans</b>	<b>left fuming</b>
Actor	Material
Material process	

<b>after Neymar's 'pathetic' theatrics help knock Mexico out of World Cup</b>
Circumstance: time

#### Data 25

World Cup 2018: Adrian Drham defends Neymar after Brazil star balsted for play-acting during clash with Mexico

<b>Adrian Drham</b>	<b>Defends</b>	<b>Neymar</b>
Sayer	Verbal	Target
Verbal process		

<b>after Brazil star balsted for play-acting during clash with Mexico</b>
Circumstance: time

#### Data 26

World Cup 2018: Neymar needs to quit acting and focus on his game, says Germany legend Lothar Matthaus

<b>Neymar need to quit acting and focus on his game</b>
Verbiage

<b>says</b>	<b>Germany legend Lothar Matthaus</b>
Verbal	Sayer
Verbal process	

### Data 27

Brazil v Belgium: Maroune fellaini takes just five minutes to make his mark on Neymar

<b>Maroune fellaini</b>	<b>Takes</b>	<b>just five minutes</b>	<b>to make his mark on Neymar</b>
Carrier	Attributive	Attribute	Circumstance: Purpose
Relational process			

### Data 28

Revealed Neymar's diving at the world cup means he has spent 14 minutes on the ground so far Brazil

<b>Revealed Neymar's diving</b>	<b>at the world cup</b>	<b>means</b>
Carrier	Circumstance: Time	Attributive
Relational process		

<b>He has spent 14 minutes on the ground so far for Brazil</b>
Attribute

### Data 29

What went wrong for Brazil? Neymar the main culprit as selec flop again

<b>Neymar the main culprit</b>	<b>as selec</b>	<b>flop</b>	<b>again</b>
Actor	Circumstance: Role	Material	Circumstance
Material process			

**Data 30**

Neymar's theatrics come back to haunt Brazil

<b>Neymar's theatrics</b>	<b>come back</b>	<b>to haunt Brazil</b>
Actor	Material	Circumstance: Purpose
Material process		

**Data 31**

Neymar's diving theatrics appear to be mocked by tennis player at wimbeldon

<b>Neymar's diving theatrics</b>	<b>Appear</b>	<b>to be mocked by tennis player</b>	<b>at wimbeldon</b>
Carrier	Attributive	Circumstance: Manner	Circumstance: place
Relational process			

**Data 32**

Neymar has a lot of learn but criticism goes too far, says Gillberto Silva

<b>Neymar has a lot of learn but criticism goes too far</b>
Verbiage

<b>says</b>	<b>Gillberto Silva</b>
Verbal	Sayer
Vebal process	

**Data 33**

'unfair to pin Brazil blame on Neymar'—Kaka defends PSG star from World Cup critics

<b>Kaka</b>	<b>Defends</b>	<b>PSG star</b>	<b>from World Cup critics</b>
Sayer	Verbal	Target	Circumstance: Matter
Verbal process			

**Data 34**

‘Do you think I want to suffer tackles?’ It hurts!’—Neymar defends much maligned theatrics

<b>‘Do you think I want to suffer tackles?’ It hurts!’</b>	<b>Neymar</b>	<b>defends</b>	<b>much maligned theatrics</b>
Verbiage	Sayer	Verbal	Target
Verbal process			

**Data 35**

‘You may think I’ve fallen too much but I crumbled’—Neymar Vows to become new man

<b>‘You may think I’ve fallen too much but I crumbled’</b>	<b>Neymar</b>	<b>Vows</b>	<b>to become new man</b>
Verbiage	Sayer	Verbal	Circumstance: Matter
Verbal process			

**Data 38**

Elber told Neymar’s World Cup antics ‘too much’ and could come back to haunt him

Elber	told
Sayer	Verbal
Verbal process	

<b>Neymar’s World Cup antics ‘too much’ and could come back to haunt him</b>
Verbiage

**Data 39**

Neymar likes to exaggerates fouls says Guardado

<b>Neymar</b>	<b>Likes</b>	<b>to exaggerates fouls</b>
Senser	Mental	ACT
Mental process		

<b>Says</b>	<b>Guardado</b>
Verbal	Sayer
Verbal process	

## APPENDIX 2

No	Date	News Headline
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1.	30/6	Neymar likes to ‘dive and exaggerate fouls’ blasts Mexico star ahead of last 16 clash
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17.	12/7	World Cup 2018: Neymar ridiculed for diving antics in hilarious alphabet meme
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20.	21/7	Brazil star Neymar defends World Cup diving... saying he needed 'five hours of ice' after each game to recover
21.	30/7	Neymar begs for forgiveness for World Cup 2018 diving shame
<i>From talksport.com</i>		
22.	22/6	Most shameless player in football-Neymar slammed for crying after Brazil beat Costa Rica
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*From goal.com*

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