# The Pattern of Mindset Main Character in *Home Alone* Movie Directed by John Hughes

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Abstracts - This study aims to understand the intention of mindset behavior in the character Kevin in the movie The Pattern of Mindset of Main Character. The method used in this film is a qualitative description of collecting data requiring a lot of resources and providing an overview. The result of this study is that Kevin experiences a mindset towards two types of fixed mindset and growth mindset from several factors such as parental factors, family factors and environmental factors. By concluding that Kevin's mindset in this movie is to make people aware that the mindset is to make life more realistic and focused in life, in every activity that is carried out, look for positive things and make our mindset develop. Don't be someone who is monotonous in life because of what we do every step of the way, not everything can be according to our expectations. Therefore develop that mindset.

Keywords: literature, movie, characters, mindset

Abstrak - Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk memahami maksud perilaku pola pikir pada tokoh Kevin dalam movie The Pattern of Mindset of Main Character. Metode yang digunakan dalam movie ini adalah deskripsi kualitatif mengumpulkan data membutuhkan banyak sumber daya dan memberikan gambaran. Hasil dari penelitian ini adalah Kevin mengalami pola pikir terhadap dua tipe pola pikir tetap dan pola pikir berkembang dari beberapa faktor seperti faktor orangtua, factor keluarga dan factor lingkungan. Dengan disimpulkan bahwa pola pikir Kevin dalam movie ini adalah untuk menyadarkan masyarakat bahwa pola pikir jadikanlah hidup ini lebih realistis dan terarah dalam kehidupan, dalam setiap aktivitas yang dilakukan, carilah hal-hal yang positif dan jadikan pola pikir kita berkembang. Jangan menjadi seseorang yang monoton dalam hidup karena apa yang kita lakukan setiap langkahnya, tidak semuanya bisa sesuai dengan harapan kita. Oleh karena itu kembangkan pola pikir itu.

Kata Kunci: literatur, movie, karakter, pola pikir

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## INTRODUCTION

In everyday life we are always related to information, the information we get is a reference or reference to make ourselves creative in this life. This is related to literature is a source or reference used in various activities in educational life or other activities. The movie is a scene made by the author to illustrate life through audio visual. In life, the movie can be used as an object for entertainment and can impact of the human mindset to follow its role in the form of traits or behavior that is in the movie. the movie "home alone", illustrates a small child (the main character) who has a growth mindset, this small child has different characteristics, as is the case with his age which is still a child but can act to protect his home from an adult who wants to rob his house, his fearful behavior becomes a child who is brave and polite whit others, this movie aims so that from childhood to adulthood we can live in this world not only relying on our surroundings but having desires and beliefs that humans can definitely change their lives by having a mindset that is growing and independent and reaching broad.

Mindset is always inherent in life and is always a medium that provides something we want to do in our daily life or what we often call self-learning. Mindset consists of the words mind and set where mind is defined as a source of thoughts and memories that produce feelings, thoughts, ideas and knowledge storage. The word set has the meaning of prioritizing ability improvement in an activity. So it can be concluded that mindset is a set of ways of thinking or beliefs that determine a person's behavior, attitude, and outlook on the future. Mindset is way the brain and reason receive, process, analyze, perceive, and make inferences about the information that enters through our senses. A person's mindset will be easily seen when facing a problem that must be resolved. According to Gollwitzer (2022), Mindsets is their ability to carry over from being elicited during a given individual goal pursuit to unrelated tasks and demands. According to Kapasi & Pai (2022), Mindset theory is an achievement motivation theory that centers on the concept of the malleability of abilities. Mindset theory, students tend to have either a growth mindset or a fixed mindset about their intelligence; students with a growth mindset tend to believe that intelligence is malleable, whereas students with fixed mindsets tend to believe that intelligence is unchangeable.



As described in many empirical and theoretical papers, the mindset a student holds can influence important psychological and behavioral factors, including reaction to failure, persistence and level of effort, and expectations of success, which ultimately impact academic achievement. Importantly, mindsets can be changed, and interventions have been developed to promote a more growth mindset. A growth mindset allows students to view challenges as an opportunity for improvement, is linked to enjoyment of learning, and increases motivation in school. According to Carol dwek (2008), This human mindset has two types, namely a fixed mindset and a growth mindset. A fixed or static mindset is called a fixed mindset, while a developing or dynamic mindset is called a growth mindset. According to Wulan & Muafa (2020), Mindset is a view that someone adheres to or adopts to himself and can influence himself to direct his life goals, basically there are two types of human mindset, namely fixed mindset and growth mindset. Fixed mindset in which a person believes in his own good qualities in terms of intelligence and talent embedded in him. Meanwhile mindset Developing is someone who believes in his abilities the most fundamental to be developed through dedication and hard work, meanwhile talent is just the starting point to support the hard work done. (Fixed mindset) makes a person difficult to receive information and difficult to learn from experience, individual who having a fixed mindset will find it difficult to make real changes in his life especially in terms of the economy.

People with this mindset are not like that likes to face challenges and will easily give up on challenges faced. They will be pessimistic and think that everything they do will be in vain see that as a negative thing. This fixed mindset makes a person become not enthusiastic and do not like or accept when others are more successful compared to him. However, individuals with this mindset it is possible to succeed in achieving success, but it will be difficult to reach potential the highest they have. This is because they feel afraid, insecure, and there is also a sense of arrogance in him. People who have a fixed mindset will perceive the world according to what he thinks without understanding how other people's thoughts or points of view. (Growth mindset) is a mindset that is the opposite of a mindset still. People with a growth mindset are able to receive information – information provided and able to behave and think positively about something circumstances. They will always try to develop themselves and their intelligence accordingly with need. In addition, these people can learn from the feedback that others give. The feedback will be used as an opportunity to improve and improve. This growth mindset will keep someone motivated with stories or success stories that other people have, but make the individual aware on his strengths and weaknesses. However, people with patterns think like this will always find ways to improve and improve selfquality. So they will be open to a process for improvement qualities that most people avoid. This mindset is encouraging people to dare to try without feeling like a failure. They will see a failure not the end of everything but an opportunity to grow and develop. This is what will make a person even better because he will be able to use the failure as an opportunity or opportunity to learn.

Socializing is a very important communication in life, humans need interaction with others and in socializing this tends to make the impact of human mindsets can change or remain with the establishment. According to Ardana (2018), Factors that influence the human mindset, namely parental factors, family factors, environmental factors (society), school factors, friend factors, social media factors and factors from ourselves.

The main character is the character whose story is prioritized in that life. The main character is the most character narrated, both as the perpetrator of the incident and who is subject to the incident, (Rahmah & Syarifuddin, 2021). According to Zaman & Permanaludin (2020), that The role of a character in a literary work is not merely to fill in the elements story, but the proper role of characters in literature also helps create conflict and storyline. And readers can understand the storyline because Character appearances also provide various surprises. In fact, what is shown is a fictional character but also displays various characteristics and behaviors associated with such psychiatric or psychological experiences or conflicts experienced by humans in real life. According to Yulita (2022), that Characters and characterizations are one of the important things in analyzing personality psychology figure. The term character refers to the person, the perpetrator of the story, character, character and character, which shows on the character and attitude of the character as read and shows more on the personal qualities of a character such as what Jones said in Nurgiyantoro (2007:165). Characters in fictional stories can be distinguished several types of understanding, for example the difference between the main character and the secondary character. Character is an important element in a narrative work. Through understanding the characters in the novel, for example, people can understand the changes and deviations that occur in society.

According to Nofitasari (2018), that Characters are actors who portray story characters in a fiction. Character can mean "story actors" and can also mean characterization. Characterization has meaning as an attempt to display the character or character of the character. Based on differences in point of view and review, a character can be categorized into several types of naming, including main character and secondary character, protagonist and antagonist character, simple character and round character, static character and developing character, and typical character and neutral character. The differences in characters in this category are based on the role and

importance of a character in the fictional story of the film as a whole. However, in relation to the whole story, the roles of each of these characters are not the same. In terms of the role or level of importance of the characters in a story, there are characters who are classified as important and are shown continuously so that they seem to dominate most of the story.

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this thesis is to describe a qualitative design approach known as descriptive qualitative. According to Colorafi & Evans (2016), explains that to collect data requires a lot of resources and provides an overview of the method. A step-bystep guide for planning a qualitative descriptive study and analyzing the data is provided, using examples from the author's research. This paper presents the steps for conducting a qualitative descriptive research with the following titles: describing a qualitative descriptive approach, designing a qualitative descriptive research, analyzing data steps, and ensuring the accuracy of the findings. In conclusion, a qualitative descriptive approach produces factual summaries in everyday language that facilitate understanding of the chosen way of thinking in life.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To get answers to these research questions, the author analyzes the characteristics of the main character. The analysis findings were taken from the analysis process of the dialogue and scenes that occurred in the Home Alone movie.

## 1. Types of pattern of mindset of main character

Mindset is always inherent in life and is always a medium that provides something we want to do in our daily life or what we often call self-learning. According to Wulan & Muafa (2020), Mindset is a view that someone adheres to or adopts to himself and can influence himself to direct his life goals. basically there are two types of human mindset, namely fixed mindset and growth mindset. Fixed mindset in which a person believes in his own good qualities in terms of intelligence and talent embedded in him. Meanwhile mindset Developing is someone who believes in his abilities the most fundamental to be developed through dedication and hard work, meanwhile talent is just the starting point to support the hard work done.

#### a. Fixed Mindset



Figure 1. Kevin who was estranged by his family Source: Telegram

Kevin : Why am I being treated like a criminal? I'm isolated. Kate Mc Callister: Fifteen people in this house, and you're the only one causing trouble.

Kevin, who feels alienated by his family, this impact affects Kevin's mindset which can make Kevin withdraw not to mingle. According to Wida Kusniatul Eka & Istiningsih Siti (2022), that The degree of children's health reflects the degree of national health, because children as the nation's next generation have abilities that can be developed in continuing the nation's development so that children's health problems are prioritized in planning or structuring national development. Both mental health and physical health. One of the causes of children experiencing poor mental conditions is the mindset of parents that is not suitable for the child's age and needs. For example, parents who apply authoritarian parenting to children aged 4-6 years where children at such times must be trained to be able to express themselves well so that they can easily socialize with other people.

#### b. Growth Mindset



Figure 2. Turn fire into courage Source: Telegram

Mary : Through the back, through the basement.

Kevin : This is ridiculous, only coward hide under the bed. And I'm not

coward, I own this house.

From the dialog about, Kevin, who was watching TV until he fell asleep, suddenly woke up, there were thieves Harry and Marv wanting to enter his house. Kevin rushed to turn on the lights and into the room to hide under the mattress. His fear immediately disappeared and changed his mindset so he had to be someone who is brave because he realized that there was no need to be afraid because he was the owner of the house. According to Srihastuti & Wulandari (2021), Growth mindset or development mindset is a mindset that believes that intelligence, talent and qualities in an individual can develop through effort and hard work even though they have to face various challenges and difficulties to achieve them.

#### 2. Factors influence the of mindset for character of life

Socializing is a very important communication in life, humans need interaction with others and in socializing this tends to make the impact of human mindsets can change or remain with the establishment. According to Ardana (2018), Factors that influence the human mindset, namely parental factors, family factors, environmental factors (society), school factors, friend factors, social media factors and factors from ourselves. The surrounding environment is a form of factor in the mindset in the movie Home Alone, the mindset of the main character Kevin, namely parental factors, family factors and environmental factors which I will summarize as follows:

## a. Parental Factors

In this scene of the movie Home Alone, Kevin wants to get justice from his parents, but it turns out that Kevin is being treated badly by Kate McCalister (his mother) and his parents don't care about Kevin's words, as illustrated in this dialogue:



Figure 3. Kate McCallister punishes Kevin Source: Telegram

Kate Mc Callister: Fifteen people in this house and you're the only one

causing trouble.

Kevin : I'm isolated.



Figure 4. Kate McCallister punishes Kevin Source: Telegram

Kevin : Everyone in this family hates me.

Kate McCallister: Ask the new family santa.

Kevin : I don't want a new family, I don't want family. Family

sucks.

Kate McCallister: Stay there, I don't want to see you tonight.

Kevin : I don't want to see mom againfor the restof my life, I

don't want to see them either.

From the dialogues above, it is known that Kevin is experiencing depression or mental decline due to the factors of his parents who speak badly, which makes Kevin feel alienated from his siblings and always causes problems in the family environment. According to Handayani & Lestari (2021), that parenting style is very influential on the morale and development of their children because parents are the initial place for the formation of children's morals. The love that parents give to children will help build a system of moral interaction between children and parents and children with other people. In addition, children who are close to their parents will have a balanced, warm and friendly personality around them and children can show affection and this is fertilizer for their child's development.

## b. Family Factors



Figure 5. Kevin asked family Source: Telegram

Kevin : Anyone ordered plain cheese?

Buzz : Yes, but if you one every one to eat it.

From the dialogue above, it is known that Kevin is experiencing a bad mindset due to his family's lack of concern for Kevin. Kevin only likes one food, but when he asked his family, none of his family cared about Kevin's question, only his older brother Buzz answered but with answers that made it seem as if Kevin didn't care about his brother Buzz. According to Rakhmawati (2015), that parenting is a process of continuous interaction between parents and children that aims to encourage optimal growth and development of children, both physically, mentally and socially. In this case, it should be remembered that the process of interaction and socialization cannot be separated from the socio-cultural setting in which the child is raised.

## c. Environmental Factors (Society)



Figure 6. Kevin's fear looks at Marley Source: Telegram

Marley : May I sit down? That's my granddaughter, the little red-haired

girl.he is the same age as you. Do you know him?

Kevin : No. Marley : Do you live next door?

Kevin: Yes.

Marley: You can say hello when you meet me. You don't need to be

afraid. There's a lot of things going on around me, but they're not

true.

Kevin's fear when he saw Marley and approached him and sat next to him. From Buzz's story that Marley was a murderer, it turns out that none of this is true. Marley is an old man who lives with his grandson and Marley is very kind and polite. According to Zahroh & Na'imah (2020), that the social environment has a very important role significant to child development, especially in the formation of children's character. Good family environment, school, friends peers, social community and physical environment. All of these environmental aspects are an inseparable unit, must support each other in creating conditions conducive to growing character child. Thus, the character is formed is from the good potentials in the child.

#### d. Characteristic of pattern of mindset of main character



Figure 7. Main character of Movie Home Alone Source: Telegram

The characteristic of the main character's mindset in Home Alone is the Growth Mindset, the characteristic of the mindset that is shown when Harry and Marv wanted to steal things from their house. Before acting, he always thinks of a plan to trick the thief into failing to steal from his house. Kevin also has an independent establishment, when his family leaves him on vacation. He can carry out his daily life like an adult. Not only that, Kevin was also the one who was initially alienated by his family, he proved that he could get through it all and could make his family proud of Kevin. According to Asis (2021), that Growth Mindset (Growth Mindset) is a mindset in which students can change, can be smart, can more capable, diligent and hard work, have self confidence, capable cooperative, tolerant and open, loyal and trustworthy, honest and candid, dare to accept challenges, optimistic, think positive.

## 4. Conclusion

After analyzing the types, factors, and characteristics of the mindset used by the main character Kevin in the movie "Home Alone", the author concludes that the character Kevin who is the main character has a fixed mindset and a growth mindset because in this movie it can be seen that his family always alienates Kevin so that he feels irritated and wants to live alone, but when Kevin is left by his family for a holiday, Kevin shows that Kevin can live independently and is able to solve problems in his own environment. Some factors stand out in the fixed mindset and growth mindset in Kevin. Several factors stand out in Kevin's fixed mindset and growth mindset. Parents who were unfair to his siblings (fixed mindset), family factors that alienated him (fixed mindset), and

environmental factors that at first Kevin saw Marley as feared, but turned out to be good. Independent life, even though he is still a child and dares to change himself for the better, easily socialises with the surrounding environment and is strong in living life even though he is often alienated is a characteristic of Kevin (the main character).

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