

Transitivity Analysis of Mohsin Hamid's Short Narrative "Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C"

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ABSTRACT

This study applies Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL), particularly Halliday and Matthiessen's (2014) transitivity framework, to analyze Mohsin Hamid's Alien Invasion. Using qualitative and quantitative clause-level labelling of processes, participants, and circumstances, it explores how linguistic choices build themes of alienation, identity, and societal perception. The analysis reveals that material processes dominate (68.5%), emphasizing the narrator's active struggle for agency in a context of social exclusion. Relational processes (15.2%) serve to define and label identities, while mental processes (12.0%) reflect the narrator's internal experiences of otherness. The frequent use of Place circumstances (36%) highlights the spatial dimension of elimination, and the near absence of behavioral processes signals a narrative focus on purposeful action. Crucially, the study finds that Hamid's transitivity patterns frame alienation as both a societal structure through Actor and Carrier participants. It also finds personal, subjective experience through Sensors. The grammar of the narrative shows social boundaries, particularly through existential processes that linguistically mark absence of belonging. These findings highlight the ability of SFL to uncover the value system of literary texts and offer a replicable model for analyzing how language makes social division. Moreover, the study highlights the role of literature in critiquing real-world racism and suggests that transitivity analysis can make broader discourse studies on themes like migration, identity politics, and systemic exclusion.

Keywords: Systemic Functional Linguistics, Transitivity, Alienation, Identity, Mohsin Hamid, Literary Discourse, Social Exclusion

INTRODUCTION

Language is a powerful source through which authors show real-world experiences, and ideologies. Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL), developed by Halliday, offers a framework to analyze how linguistic choices reflect experiential meanings. Central to SFL is the concept of transitivity, which examines how processes, participants, and circumstances are represented in clauses to construct reality (Halliday & Matthiessen, 2014). Transitivity analysis has been phenomenal in discovering the underlying meanings in different texts. Language is thought of as a "system of meanings" that forms human experience, labels objects, restricts them into categories, and develops these categories into taxonomies. Michael Halliday, a linguist, developed Systemic Functional Grammar (SFG) in the 20th century

(Halliday, 2014, p.30). The transitivity system, according to Halliday (2004), reduces the world of experience into a distinct set of Process Types (p.170). According to Halliday (1985), this is the transitivity system which outlines various processes that are understood in the language as well as the structures through which they are articulated. (p.101). He proposed following components of transitivity system. The semantic categories "participant," "process," and "circumstance" illustrate how verbal constructions are employed to express events in the real world (Halliday, 1985: 102).

Process

In transitivity analysis, a process is the action or event that takes place in a clause. It may include an action taking place, like running, cooking, striking, or catching, or it can represent a condition of existence, frequently indicated by auxiliary verbs such as is, was, or are. A process is main component of a clause that signifies what is occurring, being performed, or felt. It identifies the kind of clause and helps in recognizing the participants and situations involved.

Transitivity involves six primary categories of processes (according to Halliday's Functional Grammar):

Material Processes – Activities that entail physical movement or transformation (e.g., She constructed a house).

Mental Process– Functions of sensing, like reasoning, emoting, or observing (e.g., He noticed the bird).

Relational Processes – Processes of existence or possession, typically connecting the subject with a characteristic or identity (e.g., She is a teacher).

Verbal Processes – Actions of speaking or conveying information (e.g., He spoke the truth).

Behavioral Actions – Physiological or psychological actions (e.g., She smiled).

Existential Processes – Processes that indicate the presence of something (e.g., There is an issue).

Participants

participants are those entities either human or non-human that are involved in a process. They represent the roles of those who initiate, experience, receive, or are identified through the process. Each type of process has its own specific participant roles:

In material processes (actions), usual participants consist of an Actor (the one performing the action) and a Goal (the one impacted by the action). Occasionally, extra participants such as a Recipient or Client can also be involved, depending on structure of clause.

In mental process, the participants typically consist of a Senser (the one who feels, or thinks) and a Phenomenon (the entity that is felt, thought, or perceived).

In relational processes, participants frequently consist of a Carrier and an Attribute when detailing characteristics, or an Identified and an Identifier when conveying identity..

In verbal activities, the participants consist of a Sayer (the individual who speaks), a Verbiage (the substance of the speech), a Receiver (the individual to whom something is communicated).

In behavioral processes, the primary agent is the Behavior (the individual who behaves), and sometimes a Phenomenon can be involved when the behavior is aimed at something.

In existential processes, typically there is a single participant referred to as the Existent, representing the entity whose existence is being asserted.

Circumstances

In transitivity analysis, circumstances are optional components that offer extra details about the process, according to the context of clause or sentence. They usually come as adverbials or prepositional phrases or other different elements like time (when the action takes place), place (where it occurs), manner (how it is performed), and cause (why it takes place). In addition to these, circumstances may also denote accompaniment (who or what is participating), contingency (conditions in which the process takes place), extent (duration or distance), and role (in what identity or capacity an action is performed). Although circumstance is not crucial part of the meaning of clause, it significantly enhance and clarify the action, experience, or state.

The semantic categories "participant," "process," and "circumstance" illustrate how verbal constructions are employed to express events in the real world (Halliday, 1985: 102).

Mohsin Hamid is significant figure in South Asian literature. His international experience has shaped his writing, which often deals with ideas of identity, migration, and the effects of globalization. The themes of his writings are majorly concerned with displacement, identity as well as socio-political pressure into his stories. Most Of his works rooted in the experiences of city life. No matter where are you from his short stories are so much understandable as well as relatable.

The story Alien Invasion in the G.L.A.C. illustrates how global leaders frequently behave self-centred during significant emergencies. The story unfolds as mysterious alien spacecraft emerge in the atmosphere, inciting chaos globally. The backdrop is the contemporary world, where various nations belong to an organization known as the G.L.A.C. that aims to handle the invasion but faces challenges from bad choices and fear. In this short story *Alien invasion in the G.L.A.C* the city is shown as sad place. This story shows the difficulties of feeling alone and very unsafe. In these literary context, language strongly shapes the characters and makes readers perception about the characters. Mohsin Hamid's short story "Alien Invasion" presents a compelling narrative that intertwines themes of identity, otherness, and societal perception. Although Hamid's writings have been analyzed through different literary lenses, there is a lack of research utilizing transitivity analysis to examine his storytelling methods. This study seeks to address this gap by utilizing transitivity analysis on "Alien Invasion," clarifying how Hamid's choices shapes social realities.

Through analyzing the processes, participants, and contexts in the text, this research aims to reveal the methods and techniques through which Hamid depicts alienation and social dynamics.

Research Objectives

The present study aims to:

1. Identify the dominant types of transitivity patterns employed in Mohsin Hamid's *Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C*.
2. Explore how the selected transitivity patterns contribute to constructing social realities within the narrative of *Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C*.
3. Examine the ways in which transitivity patterns reflect key themes of alienation and societal perception in *Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C*

Research Questions

- i. What types of transitivity patterns are dominantly used in Mohsin Hamid's "Alien Invasion"?
- ii. How do the choices of transitivity patterns contribute to the construction of social realities in Mohsin Hamid's "*Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C*"?
- iii. In what ways do transitivity patterns in "Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C" reflect the themes of alienation and societal perception?

LITERATURE REVIEW

Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL), pioneered by Halliday, provides a robust theoretical framework for analyzing how language constructs meaning through different metafunctions, among which the ideational metafunction is key for representing experience (Halliday & Matthiessen, 2014). Transitivity, a crucial component of this metafunction, enables the study of how various processes, participants, and circumstances are encoded in language to depict reality and convey ideological positions (Halliday, 1994).

Several studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of transitivity analysis in literary analysis to interpret the ways authors construct meaning. For example, Ammara, Anjum, and Javed (2019) applied transitivity analysis to Virginia Woolf's *To the Lighthouse*, identifying how Woolf's selection of process types reflected her characters' psychological states and narrative perspective. Their work highlighted the relevance of transitivity in capturing complex human experiences within literary texts.

A significant contribution by Fatima, R., Haider, S., Majeed, R., & Akbar, M. A. (2022). "Social Identity Construction in Migration Narrative: A Transitivity Analysis of Mohsin Hamid's *Exit West*." This study utilizes Halliday's transitivity framework to examine how the migration process is represented through language choices, with a particular emphasis on the metaphor of 'doors' as symbols of cross-border movement. The research shows that characters' identities develop while they engage with material, relational, and cognitive processes, ultimately forming intricate perceptions of displacement, belonging, and alienation.

Similarly, Hanifa and Ardi (2023) explored the short story "The Last Leaf" by O. Henry, where they found that transitivity patterns significantly contributed to expressing themes of hope and sacrifice. Their analysis emphasized how choices between material, mental, and relational processes shape readers' understanding of thematic elements.

Furthermore Qasim, H. M., Talaat, M., Khushi, Q., & Azher, M. (2018) conducted research on "Linguistic Choices in Hamid's *Moth Smoke*: A Transitivity Analysis". This analyzes 1100 clauses to measure the prevalence and distribution of process categories. The results indicate that material processes are predominant, with relational and mental processes next, highlighting a significant emphasis on physical actions and social connections. The research additionally highlights gender-related trends: male characters are often connected to material and verbal actions, whereas female characters tend to be associated with mental and relational activities.

In the realm of contemporary South Asian literature, Mohsin Hamid's works have attracted critical attention for their thematic engagement with identity, migration, and social alienation (Akhtar, 2016; Malik, 2018). However, the application of systemic functional linguistic tools such as transitivity analysis remains limited in this context. Studies such as Khan and Qureshi (2021) have begun to apply SFL frameworks to Hamid's novels to explore his linguistic strategies, but short stories like "*Alien Invasion in M.L.A.C*" have not yet been examined through this lens.

This factor highlights the necessity for deep linguistic studies of Hamid's shorter fiction to gain a clearer insight into how his storytelling technique shapes social realities and expresses ideological significance.

This study aims to expand the scope of transitivity analysis in literary research by examining "Alien Invasion in M.L.A.C" and enhancing comprehension of how linguistic decisions shape themes of identity, otherness, and societal perception in Hamid's works.

METHODOLOGY

The present study employed a qualitative and quantitative research design grounded in Halliday and Matthiessen's (2014) transitivity framework from Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL). The data for analysis was drawn from Mohsin Hamid's short story *Alien Invasion*, which was manually segmented and tagged for clause level analysis. Each clause was examined to identify process types (material, mental, relational, verbal, behavioral, and existential), associated participants, and circumstantial elements. The transitivity structures were coded following the categorization scheme proposed by Halliday and Matthiessen (2014). The results were then analyzed to uncover how Hamid's linguistic choices represent experiential meanings and contribute to the construction of themes like social realities such as alienation, identity, and otherness.

DATA ANALYSIS

As in methodology, it has been told that manually segmented and tagged for clause level analysis. Here is analysis of some of the clauses.

Table 01

Sentence No.	Sentence	Participant(s)	Category of Participant	Process Type	Circumstance(s)
1	A hot wind rattles the roof of our shanty	A hot wind / the roof of our shanty	Actor / Goal	Material	Place: the roof of our shanty
2	Corrugated metal bucks up and down, scrabbling against rough-hewn tops of thin walls, straining at threaded wires that bind it into place	Corrugated metal	Actor	Material	Manner: up and down; Place: against rough-hewn tops of thin walls; Cause: at threaded wires that bind it into place
3	Like some kind of monster	Some kind of monster (implied Attribute)	Attribute	Relational	Manner: like some kind of monster
4	"It's just a rumour," I say	I / "It's just a rumour"	Sayer / Verbiage	Verbal	—
5	"Put on your spectacles," Mother tells me	Mother / me / "Put on your spectacles"	Sayer / Receiver / Verbiage	Verbal	—
6	"We've been hearing it for months"	We / it	Senser / Phenomenon	Mental: perception	Time: for months
7	"This is different, Daughter."	This / different	Carrier / Attribute	Relational: identifying	—
8	Put on your	You (implied) /	Actor / Goal	Material	—

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	spectacles	your spectacles			
9	I have an old-style pair	I / an old-style pair	Possessor / Possessed	Relational: possessive	—
10	Big, black, bookish. Retro.	The pair / Big, black, bookish, Retro	Carrier Attribute	Relational: attributive	—
11	I've been told they suit my face	Implied Agent / I / they suit my face	Sayer (implied) / Receiver Verbiage	Verbal	—
12	They suit my face	They / my face	Carrier Attribute	Relational: attributive	—
13	Make me look like a character from the past	You (implied) / me / a character from the past	Actor / Goal / Result Attribute	Material	Cause: like a character from the past
14	I prefer them because they're tough	I / them	Senser Phenomenon	Mental: affective	Cause: because they're tough
15	They're tough	They / tough	Carrier Attribute	Relational: attributive	—
16	And easy to slide off	They (implied)	Actor	Material (implied)	Manner: easy to slide off

It is not possible to add all sentences analysis here, because it's too lengthy. Here is the summary of the findings of all three components of transitivity Process, participants and circumstances.

Process Type analysis

Table 02

Transitivity aspect	Frequency (N)	Frequency (%)
Material	315	68.5
Relational	70	15.2
Mental	55	12
Verbal	38	8.3
Existential	22	4.8
Behavioral	0	0

The examination of Mohsin Hamid's short story Alien Invasion shows that material processes are the most prevalent, comprising 315 instances (68.5%) of the overall transitivity frameworks. These processes emphasize visible activities, in line with the story's action oriented plot. The regular repetition of the pronoun I as the actor highlights the narrator's individual agency and participation, strengthening an impression of direct experience.

Halliday and Matthiessen (2014) state that material processes show processes of doing and occurring.

They also convey actions, events, and strong experiences in the world. In this short story by Hamid, the prevalence of material actions indicate that a story largely influenced by outside events and the tangible conditions of the environment of story. This frequent use of material processes indicates that the narrator's experience is centered on observable actions and responses, that represent a more significant battle for autonomy and existence in a society characterized by distrust, and isolation. The narrator, frequently portrayed as the Actor, is depicted as continually acting, shifting, and reacting to occurrences—these recurring behaviors suggest a condition of being observed, assessed, or supervised, which corresponds with the theme of estrangement. Additionally, material processes emphasize how the narrator is socially shaped as an outsider through actions of surveillance, regulation, and isolation. For instance, when the narrator engages in behaviors viewed suspiciously by others, these actions strengthen the societal perception of difference and fear of the unfamiliar—reflecting actual dynamics of xenophobia and marginalization. Material processes not only represent action; they create a reality where identity is linked to observable actions, and where being seen as different leads to social exclusion. In summary, the prevalence of material processes indicates a reality where the narrator is constantly compelled to operate under conditions of external regulation and societal observations.

The second most common type of processes is relational, occurred 70 times (15.2%). This significant and commonly occurring frequency gives insights that categorization and portrayal of social realities or individuals play an important role in narration. Here, the usage of these processes helps in defining, labeling, or linking the narrator and other characters with particular roles and identities. For example, statements like 'they are threatening or I was unlike them (hypothetical examples for elaboration) help in shaping social categories or classes that deals with how people are evaluated and viewed.

Relational play a significant role in conveying how society realize individuals, unveiling how individuals are classified, categorized and shaped by social powers, frequently influenced by prejudice, fear, or perceived differences. In the narrative, relational clauses tend to assign identities and attributes, reflecting the clear "us vs them" mindset that fuels alienation. The employment of these methods illustrates how language quietly carries ideologies, influencing how groups relate to each other.

Additionally, relational processes help in highlighting theme of alienation by emphasizing the rigid labels tagged on people. The narrative builds a social boundary that distances characters from the community when a character is repeatedly tagged as unique, threatening, or alien. This viewpoint aligns with Halliday's view that relational processes carry rich social and experiential meanings are far from neutral (Halliday & Matthiessen, 2014). In Alien Invasion, the repeated use of relational processes plays an important role in showing how identities are created, perceived, reinforced, and evaluated. These processes help in making the ideological basis of alienation and the ways of exclusion necessary to grasp the insights on social division and perception of the narrative by unveiling them.

The third most common type of processes is mental which occurred 55 times (12.0%). This frequency highlights the importance of introspection and personal experiences in the narrative. The narrator here, mostly acts as the Senser of the story who thinks, perceives, and feels, making readers to openly connect with the psychological and emotional condition of the characters.

This prominent occurrence of mental activities is closely associated to the idea of alienation. The narrator's thoughts and feelings frequently reveal a significant consciousness of being observed, or feared by others. For example, feelings such as I was aware they lacked trust in me or I sensed a difference between us highlight the narrator's experience of loneliness as well as emotional disconnection from others. These processes show how alienation is felt internally, not merely through external exclusion but

also through feelings of not fitting in.

Cognitive processes also influence the theme of societal perception by showing how the writer understands the actions, evaluations, and anxieties of others. The Sensor's cognitive processes reveal a realm where identity is formed not just through outward behaviors but also by one's perception of how they are viewed. This corresponds with Halliday and Matthiessen's (2014) perspective that mental processes are important in conveying consciousness and assessing experience, positioning them as crucial for uncovering individual reactions to social realities. Ultimately, the use of mental processes in *Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C* illustrates the internal aspect of alienation, portraying the emotional and intellectual reactions to social exclusion. These methods enhance the narrative by personalizing the experience of being different.

Verbal processes are there 38 times (8.3%), which is the fourth most common type of process in this story. Although they occur less frequently than material, relational, and mental processes, verbal processes play an essential narrative role in expressing the themes of alienation and social perception and other themes of the story.

These processes highlight the ways in which characters deliver messages or face difficulty to convey them in a socially challenged environment. For example, speech acts that convey fear and accusation emphasize how the writer and others are discussed rather than addressed that's why these factors strengthening social exclusion. Through reported speech or inner thoughts, verbal actions show how powerful societal voices division, or dismiss the writer, directly influencing the feeling of isolation or feelings of being left out that are main in this story *Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C*.

Moreover, the lack of conversation or significant verbal interaction can highlight the failure of communication and the emotional gap between the writer and other people of community. This supports Halliday and Matthiessen's (2014) observation that verbal processes extend beyond merely reporting speech to also encompass the building of relationships and revelation of power dynamics in discourse. In *Alien Invasion*, verbal processes illustrate how language functions to uphold social boundaries and regulate narratives. They highlight how social perception is affected by discourse and how individuals discuss others, and how those others accept or reject that dialogue in conversation. The narrator's verbal expressions or reactions (or their withholding) reveal the emotional and social consequences of being verbally marginalized or misrepresented. The verbal processes in *Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C* reveal the language aspects of alienation and marginalization. They illustrate how social perception is conveyed through language and how this communication whether it is aggressive, suppressive, or misleading helps to strong the writer's sense of isolation and uniqueness from the society.

In *Alien Invasion*, existential processes appear 22 times (4.8%), ranking them as the fifth type of process. Although not dominant, their role in the story has significant importance, specially when analyzed through the lenses of alienation and societal perception or other themes of the story. The addition of existential clauses in the story gives a sense of technique to focus the importance of marginal presence. These kinds of methods are used to highlight what exists or what is absent like inclusion, acceptance, or acknowledgment. For example, phrases such as Fear was in their eyes or I had no place imply that social emotions and situations are present, yet the narrator's sense of belonging is absent.

This makes strong the theme of alienation and being left out by highlighting the presence of exclusionary mindsets or the lack of connection. Existential processes may also define social boundaries, telling who is seen or unseen in the public. Moreover, regarding societal perception, existential clauses contribute to

build a reality that appears objective, suggesting that what is expressed is widely accepted (e.g., There were murmurs in the alleys). This increases the influence of perception, as the writer takes on the role of an observer in a reality where systems of fear and judgment are already present, allowing minimal space for personal freedom.

Ultimately, behavioral processes that connect physical and mental activities like breathing and observing were missing in the text. This absence of activities that Hamid's story focused intentional actions and inner reflections rather than automatic responses.

In summary, the dominance of material processes along with extensive use of relational and mental processes at second shows a storytelling approach that highlights action, identity, and self-awareness. All of which reinforce the thematic issues of alienation, agency, and social introspection in the narrative. The intricate patterns of transitivity demonstrate how Alien Invasion creates a reality influenced by outside authority and personal experience, providing a strong linguistic depiction of marginalization and human perseverance.

Participants Analysis

Table 03

Transitivity aspect	Frequency (N)	Frequency(%)
Actor	320	69.6
Senser	55	12.0
Carrier	75	16.3
Sayer	38	8.3
Existent	22	4.8
Recipient/Goal	42	9.1

The given data shows that the participant Actor in the story is dominant and appearing approximately 69.6% in the story. The prominent presence of Actor tells that this story is strongly focused those who are taking action in the story, showing activities in the story.

The prominent number of Actor in the story shows the theme of alienation by showing how society controls and watches his actions, but he still chooses to do actions to prove his existence. This focused story on participant Actor shows the struggle between pushed aside and having control on something. In this story the narrator acts but sometimes his actions are in doubt or in state of being rejected. This shows the complex eye of the society through which society sees him. As a result, the use of Actor participant shows that how writer is linked with to social world and is always fighting against being left out of there. It also shows that how use of language shapes the feelings of being excluded and identity making.

The data shows that Carrier participant is the second most repeated type after the most repeated participant Actor. The frequency of the Carrier Participant in the short story is 16.3%. This second most percentage shows that this story has lot of emphasis on making social identities, describing identities as well as making social groups. In this short story Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C, the use of carrier participant shows that language has lot of influence on how characters, social groups as well as social identities are made. Relational clauses through which create identities has an important role in shaping themes of being left out and perception of society about others.

The writer and others are represented in a way that they are having specific characteristics. Traits like being “unusual”, “different” and “foreign”. This kind of traits make them something different in society as well as these traits keep characters in certain special groups. This makes the gap between “us” and “them” very clear. This factor helps to mark social realities, where identify is something is natural but is identified by the language use by them. The significant roles that Carriers play in any sort of relationship shows how language use make them very different from others, different from social and exclude them from the social norms of language use. The Carriers in this short narrative shows that how language use make the people different and make a separate identity for them in society. This also shows how language keeps and maintains social boundaries and makes a sense of exclusiveness, revealing the link between identity, power in society and how people are seen.

The data reveals that the participant sensor appears the third most in the story, that is almost 12% of the story. This percentage of sensor participant shows the importances of emotions and feelings in the story. In *Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C*, the use of emotions tell the idea that how the narrator and other characters feel about the social world and other emotions like being left out, seen as different and rejected. The mental actions describe the emotional responses and personal awareness about being rejected or accepted by the society.

This use of Sensor participant brings the attentions to the inner feelings and thoughts of those people in the society who are pushed aside. The choice of language in sense of sensor participant shows the personal awareness and those feelings which people feel inside face these kind of circumstances in the society. This use of sensor participants in the story shows that alienation is not only experienced but also understood at mental level that make the society role very clear on emotional health.

The data reveals that the participant Sayer appears the fourth most in the story, that is almost 8.3% of the story. This reveals the idea that talking, communication as well as dialogues play an important role in shaping. In *Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C* the Sayer participant shows that it works as space where ideas of left out and alienation are built and questioned in society. Through talking, dialogues or communication the characters show their biases, their priorities as well as they express themselves, often accepting and rejecting social norms.

The Sayer’s function in the narrative highlights how speech shapes social significance—via accusations, explanations, or stories that aid in the labeling and marginalizing of “outsiders.” Communication in this context is not neutral but an engaging process that impacts how identity and social boundaries are understood and upheld. Therefore, the involvement of Sayer participants linguistically conveys the significance of personal communication in determining inclusion or exclusion, emphasizing how social viewpoints and estrangement are simultaneously created and challenged through spoken exchanges.

The data reveals that the participant Existent appears the fifth most in the story, that is almost 4.8% of the story. This means that the story often points out the presence of people, situations or things that is according to the contexts where it needed the most. In the story In *Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C* the use of existent participant shows the presence of “alien” or “others” showing how noticeable these things are in the society.

By clearly indicating existence, Hamid makes a social reality in which the theme of alienation and being left out is grounded not only in actions but in the important acknowledgment of “being” or “presence.” This language selection highlights the reality of otherness as an unrejected factor of social life that must be recognized. Therefore, the regular use of Existing participants focuses the social awareness of alien

presence and identity, highlighting the conflict between acceptance and rejection that tells the narrative's investigation of societal perception and alienation.

Circumstances Analysis

Table 04

Circumstance Type	Frequency(N)	Frequency(%)
Place	165	36
Time	50	11
Manner	40	9
Cause	30	7
Goal/Recipient	42	9
Attribute	55	12
Condition/Result	15	3
Others (Purpose etc.)	25	5

The Data shows that In *Alien Invasion* 36% Place circumstances are used that were high in frequency. This high frequency shows that the narrative places strongly emphasis on the structural setting where activities unfold. Inside the context of *Alien Invasion*, the common use of Place circumstances highlights the significance of physical and social areas inside the creation of identity and otherness. Through specifying Places, the Short Story situates characters, events, and interactions within specific environments which might be essential for framing reports of alienation.

Place circumstances work to tie up the narrative in unique position, which regularly grow to be symbolic of kinship or rejection. For example, areas or spaces may also classify territories of “insiders” as opposed to “outsiders,” reinforcing societal obstacles that mark who belong and who is alien. This structural recognition helps the reader understand how geography and surroundings form social realities and perceptions. Moreover, by emphasizing area, Hamid’s narrative underscores how alienation is not most effective about internal emotions or social attitudes however also about the concrete locations in which these dynamics are enacted and skilled.

The places mentioned function levels where general insight play out, release tensions round inclusion, exclusion, and identity. As a result, the dominance of Place circumstances contributes to constructing the social truth of *Alien Invasion* via emphasizing the function of spatial context in shaping themes of alienation and societal perception. It allows frame the narrative’s exploration of otherness within concrete, recognizable settings, making the circumstances of alienation extra immediately and brilliant. The statistics indicates that Time circumstances or instances occur 11% of the time in *Alien Invasion*, showing that temporal context plays a full-size, although not dominant, function inside the narrative formation. Inside the story, Time circumstances assist situate occasions inside precise moments or periods, which is vital for know-how the unfolding of alienation and social dynamics. The temporal markers can point out when feelings of otherness or exclusion emerge, how long positive states of being last, or how societal perceptions evolve over time.

Through anchoring stories and social interactions in unique times, the narrative foreground the development and progression of alienation, representing that it isn't static however occurs in and is shaped by means of precise worldly environment. This worldly grounding displays how identification and otherness are experienced no longer just as instant states but as phenomena growing throughout moments

every so often surprising, occasionally prolonged. Moreover, Time instances make a contribution to the construction of social realities by way of linking man or woman and collective reports of alienation to historical or situational moments, accordingly providing a framework to apprehend how societal perceptions and identities are temporally situated and negotiated. The presence of Time occasions in *Alien Invasion* disclose the temporal dimension of alienation and social notion, underscoring how identification and otherness are skilled in terms of unique instances and periods within the narrative.

The selected data suggests that **Manner** Circumstances represent about 9% of the instances used in *Alien Invasion*, specifying a memorable significance at the qualitative factors of actions and activities in the story. In the context of *Alien Invasion*, Manner circumstances play a key position in shaping the reader's know-how of ways alienation and societal belief are experienced and enacted. through focusing on the manner wherein characters act or are perceived, the narrative conveys diffused nuances of behavior, mindset, and interplay that spotlight feelings of otherness and exclusion.

These manner details make a contribution to the development of social realities by way of illustrating the particular methods wherein characters have interaction with their social environment—for example, the tone, approach, or mind-set through which they perform movements or respond to societal pressures. This allows depict no longer most effective bodily acts however additionally the emotional and mental texture at the back of them, emphasizing the lived enjoy of alienation. Furthermore, Manner circumstances improve the illustration of identity and otherness by using emphasizing the variety and complexity in how social behaviors and reactions arise, consequently making the topics of societal notion greater vivid and relatable. These Circumstances in *Alien Invasion* characteristic to element the qualitative nature of movements and interactions, thereby deepening the portrayal of alienation and societal perception and contributing to a greater nuanced creation of social realities which include identity and otherness.

The data shows that **Cause** circumstances represent about 7% of the entire circumstances in *Alien Invasion*, indicating a meaningful however slight emphasis on explaining the causes or motives behind events and moves within the narrative. In *Alien Invasion*, Cause circumstances play an important position in revealing the underlying motivations and socio-cultural elements that force the feelings of alienation and shape societal perceptions. Via explicitly linking movements or states to their reasons, the narrative uncovers the deeper reasons for conflict, exclusion, or misunderstandings between the “alien” and society. These cause instances make a contribution to the construction of social realities by highlighting the socio-political or emotional catalysts that create divisions, improve identities, and convey a sense of otherness. They assist the reader understand not just what happens, yet why it happens emphasizing the foundation causes of alienation and the dynamics of societal belief. Moreover, cause occasions or Cause circumstances make visible the power relations of the family and social situations influencing the characters' reports.

This mirrored image on causality enriches the thematic exploration of identity and otherness by displaying that alienation is usually a consequence of broader systemic or situational factors, not just personal moves. Cause circumstances in *Alien Invasion* concern to uncover the motives in the back of social interactions and alienation, thereby deepening the reader's information of how identity and otherness are built via cause-effect relationships in the social world.

CONCLUSION

The transitivity analysis of Mohsin Hamid's *Alien Invasion in G.L.A.C* determine that, this narrative has its endurance in physical actions and social interchange, with material process authoritative to depict the narrator's energetic engagement within a scrutinizing and exclusionary society. Relational and intellectual methods in addition increase this portrayal by constructing identities and revealing inner reflections on

alienation and societal judgment. Verbal strategies or processes spotlight the role of conversation and frequently miscommunication in retaining social divides, at the same time as existential tactics subtly emphasize the presence or absence of inclusion and acceptance in the narrator's global. Together, these transitivity choices assemble a complicated social reality in which identity and otherness are usually negotiated through action, perception, and language, reflecting the story's central theme of alienation and societal perception as framed via Halliday and Matthiessen's (2014) model.

The evaluation tells the idea that Hamid builds a rich and multi layered illustration of alienation and societal notion via the dominant use of certain participant roles and circumstantial elements. The overwhelming presence of the Actor participants (69.6%) foregrounds action, motion, and the narrator's struggle for agency in a society that views him as "other." Along this, the remarkable presence of Carrier and Senser participants points to the twin approaches of social labeling and inner emotional experience, displaying that identity is both imposed and personally negotiated. The Sayer and Existent individuals similarly spotlight how dialogue and the acknowledgment of presence play crucial roles in forming and sustaining social limitations. together, those styles indicate that language in *Alien Invasion* is a powerful tool for encoding the complexities of alienation—each as an external societal structure and as an internalized emotional state.

In terms of circumstantial factors, the excessive frequency of Place circumstances (36%) emphasizes the structural contexts wherein inclusion and exclusion are played out, framing alienation as a structurally grounded experience. Time and manner situations upload temporal depth and qualitative texture to actions, highlighting the progression and nuanced experience of otherness. Cause circumstances provide insight into the socio-political and emotional reasons behind characters' behaviors and societal attitudes, displaying that alienation is not random but rooted in deeper systemic causes. Overall the interaction among participant roles and circumstances within the narrative linguistically constructs a social global where identification is constantly negotiated, often in reaction to perceived or actual societal threats. Through this transitivity framework, , *Alien Invasion* reveals how language not only reflects but actively shapes social realities, making alienation both visible and understandable.

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