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Analysis of Women's and Men's Language in Customer's Conversation at *Warung*Santai

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Abstrak

Skripsi dengan judul "Analysis of Women's and Men's Language in Customers Conversation at Warung Santai" bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi ciri linguistik dari wanita dan pria serta untuk fokus mencari tahu fungsi ciri linguistik wanita dalam percakapanya dengan pelanggan di Warung Santai.

Lingkup skripsi ini hanya untuk menganalisis ciri bahasa antara wanita dan pria dalam percakapan antara pelanggan di Warung Santai. Teori yang digunakan dalam skripsi ini adalah The Features of Women Language yang oleh Lakoff pada tahun 1975, The Features of Men's Language oleh Coates pada tahun 2003. Teori lain yang digunakan yaitu The Linguistic Function of Women's Language oleh Lakoff serta The Theory of Miscommunication between Women and Men oleh Coates pada tahun 1986.

Hasil analisis menunjukan ciri linguistik wanita yang terdapat dalam percakapan pelanggan di Warung Santai sebagai berikut: penggunaan tanda tanya, pertanyaan intonasi dalam pernyataan deklaratif, permintaan maaf, penerimaan kata sifat, batas leksikal, dan kurangnya selera humor. Ciri linguistik pria yang terdapat di percakapan pelanggan yaitu: penggunaan topic stereotip maskulin, hanya lelaki, perhatian yang baik secara detail, satu dari percakapan pelanggan tersebut ditemukan menggunakan "theory of miscommunication between women and men", maksudnya topik yang dibicarakan melompat dari satu topik ke topik lainnya. Yang terakhir mengenai analisis fungsi ciri linguistik wanita yang terdapat dalam beberapa percakapan pelanggan antara lain: fungsi dari batas leksikal, tanda tanya, intonasi tinggi, bentuk paling sopan, kata sifat, penekanan yang tegas, dan yang terakhir adalah fungsi dari penggunaan kata umpatan.

Kata Kunci: Wanita, Pria, Ciri Linguistik.

1. Background of the Study

Every communication certainly uses language indeed. Language itself can be described as a very important thing for people who need to communicate each with another. Language can also be defined as a tool for communication. The language can have an important role in society, because with language, relationship grows up directly. Conversation is the ways how people communicate and interact with each other. In

Women and men speak differently in any community and recently sociolinguistics has begun to pay attention to the co-variation of language and sex. The customers can be described as persons who have visited some restaurants, hotels or other places to enjoy facilities, food, or everything they indeed. Analyzing conversation by customer has not been discussed by previous students. In the other reason analyzing the women and men language in conversation is very interesting to do, because the people in this world both women and men always talk different style with their partner or their friends.

2. Problems of the Study

Based on the background that has explained above, the problems of this study are formulated as follows:

- 1. What kinds of linguistic features are used in the women's and men's language in the customer conversation at Warung Santai?
- 2. What are the linguistic functions of women's language in customer's conversation at Warung Santai?

3. Aims of the Study

- 1. To find out what kinds of linguistic features are used in the women's and men's language in the customer's conversation at Warung Santai.
- 2. To find out what are the linguistic functions of women's in customer's language in the conversations at Warung Santai.

4. Research Method

Methodology is the way or procedure that is used in order to examine certain objects. It is the way or process and amount of procedures how to apply approaches the problems to find the answer through the finding, collecting, and analyzing the data.

Cresswell (2002) "Qualitative is an inquiry approach in which the inquirer: analyzes and

codes the data for description and themes, interprets the meaning of the information

drawn from the personal reflection and past research, and writes the final report that

includes personal bases and a flexible structure".

4.1 Data Source

The data of this study were taken by observing and recording of the customer's

conversations between men and men, men and women, and the last between women and

women at Warung Santai. The data of this is study were inn the form of 10

conversations with mix person.

4.2 Method and Technique of Collecting Data

The methods applied to this research were observing and recording the

conversation of the customers at Warung Santai. The recording data is a method of

collecting data by recording the conversation and observiation method is listening and

analyzing the customer's conversation at Warung Santai. The data were collected from

November 2015 until January 2016.

The techniques of collecting data of this study were presented as follows: The

first one the tool (hand phone) was prepared to record the conversation at Warung

Santai. The second one was asking for the permission to the owner of Warung Santai.

The third one was asking for the permission to the customer. The fourth was recording

the customer's conversations at Warung Santai, between women and women, between

women and men, and between men and men. The fifth one was listening carefully the

conversation of the customers.

4.3 Method and Technique of Analyzing Data

The analyzing was about the linguistic features and the linguistic function of

women and men language used in their conversation. The data were analyzed based on

theories about the features of men and women language proposed by (Lakoff, 1975) and

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1975).

5. Analysis and Result

5.1 The Analysis of Women Linguistic Features

5.1.1 Analysis Conversation 1

1. Use of Tag Questions

Almost every woman in the world uses tag questions to get what she needs. Tag

question is the usage between outright statements and yes no question. There is one

example of tag question found in conversation 1, such as:

a. Shanti: It is good?

Allan: Ya ya good

The explanation of the example Tag Question is as follows: a). "It is good?" has

meaning that the question needs yes or no answer.

2. Use of Question Intonation in Declaratives Statements

It contains the statement or form of a declarative answer to a question. There is

one example of question intonation in the declarative statement found in conversation 1,

such as:

a. Shanti: Now its like totally different ya?

Allan: Ya ya I know it coming

The statement from Shanti to Allan "Now its like totally different ya?" consists

of declarative statement because in that sentence there is explanation about the

differences between the old Bali and Bali nowadays. Then Allan answers with the

confidence that the changes definitely come, so he said "Ya ya I know it coming". He

thinks that everything surely changed, it depends about the time.

3. Use of Apologies

Women apologize more than men do, it's the fact. Apologies are inexorably

related to the concept of politeness. We know that women more polite than men. There

is one apology found in conversation 1, such as:

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In this case, Shanti said "I am sorry" to ask and pardon that she just interrupt the conversation between Otmar and Allan. Shanti used the form "I am sorry" because she knows that she was wrong. She wants to apologize for both Allan and Otmar for interrepting their conversation.

5.2 The Analysis of the Men's Linguistic Features

- 5.2.1 Analysis of Conversation 2
 - 1. Use of Miscommunication between Women and Men

In another condition, according to Holmes (1992), the theory about Men's vs Women's behavior was found as the fact that men on the other hand jumps from one topic to another. It was found in these dialogues:

Zack: I have not from match so what we go to the water park?

Tina: Oh cool, any wanna get the lower wet happy the ride or you like any key too see the cops?

Zack: Aaa who probably take a newborn?

The sentence that Zack said "Aaa who probably take a newborn?" is not related to the previous topic from Tina. It means that men did the jumping topic from one to another and it is related to one of the theory of miscommunication between men and women.

5.3 The Analysis of Function of Women's Linguistic Features

- 5.3.1 Analysis Conversation 3
 - 1. The Function of Lexical Hedge

The lexical hedge found in the first conversation, that is, *I am sorry*.

1. Shanti: *I am sorry*, where you from?

The function of hedge could be as an apology for making an assertion. "I am sorry" in this example represents that an apology statement by Shanti to her friend. This conversation consists of the dialogue from Shanti, that she said "I am sorry" to interrupt the conversation between Shanti, Otma, and Allan. She felt uncertainty about interuping

conversation then she said that word to get attention and asked the conversation even she was not sure for what she did. She knows if her measure was wrong, hence she said sorry to Allan and Otmar. In this content she wants to know where Allan comes from, because Allan never told her before.

6. Conclusion

The topic of this discussion in this study is about women's and men's linguistic features and the function of the women's linguistic features. The discussion is focused based on two problems. The first problem is about women and men linguistic features used in customer's conversation and the second problem is about the women function used in the customer's conversation.

The result of discussion found that women and men were almost the same when they talked with their friends or partners.

First, overall the women linguistic features found in customers conversations from conversation 1, conversation 2 and conversation 3 were: the use of tag question (e.g. it is good?, do you think?, totally changes?, really?, are you serious?), the use of question intonation in declaratives statements (e.g. now it's like totally different ya?, totally changes?, really?, thirty minutes?, may be?), the use of apologies (e.g. I am sorry.....), the use of empty adjective approval (e.g. cute), the use of lexical hedge (e.g. well, you know, I think), and the use of sense of humor lacking (e.g. Big no..).

Second, all of the men in the world certainly love to communicate with their friends. The men's features found in these data from conversation 1, conversation 2 and conversation 4 were the use of stereotypically masculine topic (e.g. it seem similar, looking for the cheapest beer), the use of men only (e.g. I bought my keep puss already...., So I go to Amlapura, I miss the junction I take the wrong way..., Oh really good, it's really Bali), the use of great attention on detail (e.g. let's go there, no I don't think, it's plenty place, that's why I like Sanur), in one of the conversation the theory of miscommunication between women and men found; men on the other hand jumped from one topic to another. Men also used one of the women's linguistic features, that is, hedge form (e.g. *I think*).

in these conversations shows judgment on something from someone to the other. The

last one is the function to avoid strong swear words to show the strength of emotion to

something.

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