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linguistic repertoire of a community (Holmes, 1995, p. 64). Further, Weinreich (1953) has defined Language shift as the change from the habitual use of one language to that of other (p. 68). Language shift can be influenced by various factors: social (interact, communicate in society), economic (obtaining work), politic (government policies concerning language and education) and demographic (migration, urbanization, intermarriage between groups), value (not highly valued the language), and attitude (attitude of the speaker in use the language) (Al-Khatib, 2001; Holmes, 1992).

The mentioned factors might influence the society to shift their native language with other than maintain the language to survive or success communication in society, especially in multilingual societies. Usually language shift happens in society between minor and major community, migrant or non-migrant situation, which all of them are bilingual or multilingual. The language shift process occurs after the language choice. Language choice is when people choose languages use to communicate with other while in formal or informal form. Here, the researcher emphasizes on languages use in language shift only. There would not formal or informal form discussion.

The study of language shift increases dynamically. Many previous studies investigated the language shift (Borbely, 2000; Dweik & Al-Refa'I, 2015; Putri & Stiawan, 2014; Nawaz, Umer, Anjum, & Ramzan, 2012; Maricar, 2014; Babane & Chauke, 2016). They studied the various factors which might influence the speakers to do language shift. The various factors are historical-cultural (impact of colonization), social (interact, communicate in society), economic (obtaining

work), psychological (collective unconscious, personal experience) demographic (migration, urbanization, intermarriage between groups), and generational distance (distance between the generations). It developed and accelerated the language shift phenomena in bilingual or multilingual communities.

The effect of language shift process can influence the structure of the language (Phonological, Morphological, or clause structure) as it was studied by Ravindranath (2009) in a Garifuna community in Belize which focused on age-based variation of speech community. Her study showed the change in phonological. In another study, language shift might occur between vernacular (daily) language and official (formal) language (Moradi & Raeesi, 2015). It might occur because it is influenced by many reasons: the official language is as *lingua franca*, the official language is used in most contexts, the belief in better understanding of educational materials in school which is used official language, think that vernacular language will interfere with learning, the official language is used almost in all domains. From these reasons, language shift (vernacular to official language) is fast growing and it makes the use of the vernacular (indigenous) language is expected to decline in time, especially by the absence of mass media (use official language) to promote vernacular (native tongues) languages. Then is the use of majority language or a language that has high status (English as international language) to shift the minority language or native language in different domains, as it was studied (Al-khitab, 2001; Tawalbeh, Dagamseh, & Al-Matrafi, 2013; Dweik, Nofal, & Qawasmeh, 2014; Berg, Hult, & King, 2001). It might occur because the use of majority language in almost all



communication domains, the limited ability of minority language skills, and social-religion practice. English which high status as international language is used as language qualification in job, business, and advertisement, language of doctoral dissertations, language of computer technology, important channel of communication in many elite domains, and language use in Academic. It influences the use of English to shift native language in order to achieve of educational, financial aspirations, and success communication in elite domains.

Furthermore, the language shift process is possible to occur in next generation (second or third generation), especially in immigrant case which absolutely has their own native language and monolingual. Immigrants who are monolingual come to new town or place which has different language and teach their generation the native language (commonly speaking form) only in home domain. It is difficult for the next generation in communication outside the home domain (school, society, play) which use other language. This difficulty encourages them to learn new languages and do language shift in communication than maintain their native language. For instance, as it was studied by Ali (2012) in the second generation Tigrinya-speaking Eritrean immigrants in Riyadh. They have limited proficiency (ability in read, writer, understand, and speaking) in their mother tongue (Tigrinya) and great proficiency in Arabic. Most of them used Tigrinya to their parents in home domain to express their feeling of solidarity and they did language shift (Tigrinya to Arabic) in their daily communication to survive in an Arabic-dominated society.

The previous studies used daily conversation or real life in some places as the object. It explored the phenomenon of language shift in societies. They collected data by using questionnaire and interview instruments, which some of them considered age range and gender of the respondents.

Motivated by the previous studies, this study would use the same topic, language shift. But it would be different, however, this study had the same topic. For instance, it would use different way in collecting data because the researcher used different object in this study, movie and used the researcher self and electronic tools (laptop, headset) as the instruments to collecting data.

Movie is a form of entertainment that use sound and sequence of images to tell stories. It is called as film also that is a type of visual communication. The most people watch movie as entertainment or a way to having fun. Movie invites the audience to come in new world. Sometime, a movie makes the viewer crying or feeling afraid. Otherwise movie make the viewer laugh. Movie has some genres such as comedy, fiction, thriller, love and others.

Movie is one of literary which interprets culture. Sometime, it presents the reflection of the real society. Although fiction might be involved, language shift can occur in a movie as in society. So, it can be one of sources of education and knowledge to learn language shift. The one important part of the movie is communication that means dialogue. Dialogue involves a message that want to present to the audiences and every single word has their own meaning and contains different message. The audience would be able to learn and understand















domain, context (children and mother) and they call their mother Mrs. Walker (the last name) in class, context (student and teacher). Or when mother call their children with various names depending on how they fell toward them at the time (context).

The possible relationships between language and society are the social structures may influence or determine linguistic structure or behavior, and linguistic structure or behavior may influence or determine social structure. It is opposed (Wardhough, 2006, p. 10). From these possible relationships, we know how language and society relates each other: influence and influenced. Trudgill (2000) noted, two language behavior aspects from social point of view are the language function in establishing social relationship and the language role played in conveying information about the speaker. It is reflection of close relationship between language and society (p. 2).

Language and society which influence each other can cause bilingualism or multilingualism. It can occur because the multi or bilingual society situation will encourage the society to learn and use new languages in order to communicate successfully in communication; Bi or multilingual society influences the language structure or language behavior of society as the language user and might change their behavior language or structure to adapt with the society.

In sociolinguistic, what languages and how human use language in society reflects the human identity because the relationship between language and society involve the identity of the society self as the user.

### 2.1.2. Language and Identity

People know that language is an instrument for the communication of messages. But language is not only about the communication tool. In multilingual communities, it becomes especially clear where various groups have their own language. The values of the group and the cultural norms are transmitted by its language. When a group is sufficiently different from the other groups, it is considered to be an ethnic group with a specific ethnic identity (Appel & Muysken, 2005, p. 11-12).

Language and identity cannot be separated. Identity is grounded in beliefs about the past: heritage and ancestry, belonging to people, a place, a set of beliefs and a way of life. Language does not exist in a homogeneous or unchanging form. It is through variation that the individual identity is indexed and interpreted: who they are, what they care about and like, and what they aspire to. How the people speak indexes where they are from because the evolution of sound, words and grammatical form changed that started from small, in particular town or village and spread out through contact with people from other towns or villages. Although nowadays, mass communication has developed. It is not put an end to local differences in language use (Preece, 2016, p. 19).

Identity is something constructed rather than essential, performed rather than possessed. Each of us performs a repertoire of identities which are constantly shifting, and we negotiate and renegotiate based on the circumstance (Preece, 2016, p. 24). Each person has identity which is constructed from interaction with others.



It is the achieved sense of self of each people, the result of socialization. It is our experiences with outside the world.

In term of people seeking to realize or reject identities will be explicable through the use of languages in linguistic behavior. Nowadays, bi or multilingual societies is happen which is more than one language used in society. From the different languages use, people might use their own language which means they realize their identity or shift their language which means they reject their identity. Wardaugh (2006) stated, “Your language choices are part of the social identity you claim for yourself” (p. 96).

Although, how the way people speak is present their identity. It does not mean that they lost their identity when they speak in various ways. Because, human has ability to speak more than one language, bi or multilingualism.

### **2.1.3. Bilingualism/ Multilingualism.**

Bilingualism or multilingualism is the ability to use more than one language (wardhaugh, 2006, p. 96). Bhatia (1997) stated, multilingualism is “a phenomenon devoted to the study of production, processing, and comprehension of more than two languages respectively” (as cited in Qawar, 2014, p. 18). Bi or multilingualism can occur in intermarriage family (have different languages). Both children and parent can be bilingual or multilingual. The children from intermarriage family are possible to bi or multilingual because they will learn and use different languages from their parent consciously or unconsciously. The parent (wife and husband) are possible to bilingual or multilingual. Both wife and

husband have their different native languages. So, to communicate each other they will learn and use new language and they be bilingual

Bi or multilingualism people might be influenced by their environment of society. This modern era where people from other countries can come and stay together in one environment most of society use more than one language, *multilingual society*. In one environment might contain several families which has different languages. It makes them difficult to do social activity or communicate each other. One of the alternative way is learn new language and use it to communicate with other.

Bi or multilingualism ability is not at all remarkable. In usual monolingual individuals are lacking an important skill in society. The skill of being able to interact freely with the speakers of other language. But they would be regarded (wardhaugh, 2006, p. 96). Most of people thought that when people learn or use more than one language to communicate, it showed that they has good ability in society. Therefore, bi or multilingualism increase rapidly, where people begin to learn new language. They use more than one language in daily conversation in society.

According to Wardhaugh (2006), a bilingual or multilingual situation can give effects on one or more languages involved (p. 100). It can lead to language choice, code switching, and language shift: certain features spread from one language to the other.





























Arabic is the majority (indigenous) language in Jordan and Syriac as the minority (intrusive). The result achieved by this study showed that Assyrians of Jordan shift their ethnic language (Syriac) toward the majority language (Arabic). Arabic is the language of instruction that they receive in their education in public, private Jordanian schools and universities. The Assyrians of Jordan used Arabic in almost all domains. However, Syriac language still minimally used in certain key domains such as at home and at church. This language shift was the result of historical, economic, demographic, linguistic and generational distance.

Ravindranath (2009) studied the effect of language shift on the structure of language (phonological, morphological, or clause structure) in a Garifuna community in Belize. This research examines the relationship between social and linguistic factors in considering the causes and effect of language shift, focusing on age-based variation in the speech community. The instruments used in this research are interview (52 speakers aged five to eighty-one), survey (teachers in the rural Garifuna communities in Belize), and observation (caregiver-child and peer interaction in Hopkins). The result showed the change in phonology. The phoneme (ch) is pronounced by affricate (tʃ) and fricative (ʃ) in Garifuna-dominant or old-fashioned and only affricate (tʃ) in English-dominant (Belize English) or new-fashioned, example: chinee pronounced (tʃaini) and (ʃaini). However, the youngest speakers and oldest speakers pronounce (ch) differently, whereas the youngest speakers used affricate (tʃ) exclusively (change from Garifuna-dominant to English-dominant) and oldest speaker used affricate (tʃ) and fricative (ʃ) (Garifuna-dominant). Then is the change sound of /r/. The tap



language. Armenians language restricted to very narrow domains and situation: the home and church. Man and woman in Jordan-Armenian speech community are quite aware of the importance of Arabic as means of communication and also the importance of keeping up with one another in terms of language use and attitude. Result of this study against the Dweik' (2000) work, it has been shown that the Chechens are more faithful to their language than the Armenians. The distinction both of them is accounted for in term of the size of each group, concentration, demographic, etc.

Moradi and Raeesi (2015) studied the reason of shift language from vernacular to official language in Iran. Iran recently witnessed a significant tendency among families in indigenous communities to undermine the mother tongue and speak the official language of Persian to young children, the multilingual context. The aim of this study examine the reason why parents prefer their children to exclusively speak Persian, official language. Questionnaire instrument used is this study as means to collect data. It consisted of 46 items formatted in five-point Likert scale and centered on two series of questions (dealt with reasons for contributing to language shift and had to do with families who tend to shift from vernacular to the official language. The samples of this study are 206 respondents chosen randomly (from Dehloran city in Ilam province: 112 female, 93 male, and one person of unspecified gender with the age of 18 and above). The results showed the reason parents prefer their children to speak Persian rather than mother tongue because children will speak comfortably and understand the material better when entering schools which the Persian is the only



official language for education. They think that vernacular language will interfere with learning. The data indicated also that language shift is not confined to a particular group of families.

Ali (2012) studied the language maintenance and language shift among the young (second generation) Tigrinya-speaking Eritrean immigrants in Riyadh, kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The aim of this study is to examine language maintenance and shift among second generation Tigrinya speaking Eritrean teenagers and explore the factors affecting these phenomena (age, gender, religion, number of siblings, birth order, number of siblings born in Saudi Arabia, enrolment in Tigrinya class and language background). The questionnaire instrument used in this study. The questionnaire items focused on the respondents' self-perception of the following dimensions (proficiency in Tigrinya, proficiency in Arabic, the use of Tigrinya at home, the use of Arabic at home, the use of Tigrinya in public, the use of Arabic in public, the identity of Tigrinya, and the identity of Arabic. Sixty-four (forty females and twenty-four males) Tigrinya speaking teenager immigrants in Riyadh were randomly chosen as sample. These respondents are student enrolled in the Eritrean international School in Riyadh (from the eleventh and twelfth grades). The results showed the young Tigrinya have a limited ability to understand, speak, read, write, and translate orally Tigrinya into Arabic and vice-versa. They relatively limited proficiency in their mother tongue. They are greater proficiency in Arabic than in Tigrinya. Therefore, the results of study are evidence that the second-generation Tigrinya teenagers' proficiency shifted toward Arabic rather than maintain the native language.

Based on the previous study, the researcher study the same topic, language shift. The previous studies investigated the language shift phenomena in real life but this present study investigated the language shift in “The Bourne Identity” movie. The researcher found the strength and weakness of the previous. The strength of the previous is the researchers studied the factors of language shift and effect of language shift to structure of language with considered age-arranged of the society or social distance. Then, the weakness of the previous is the researchers did not considered the languages in the process of language shifting and the factors that influence the language choice in language shift. This weakness motivated the present researcher to study the language shift by considering the languages and factors such as context that influence in decision language to shift the other language.





























#### **4. 1. 2. Contexts that Influence Characters' Languages use in Language Shifting.**

This part presented the second finding of this study. As in the first explanation, language shift can occur in bilingual or multilingual community. In the process of language shift, social context might influence the choosing of language that is used to shift the other language (native or mother language). Trudgill (2000) argued, Language varies might occur because of the social context (p.81). This study focused on context that influences the characters' languages use in the process of language shifting in "The Bourne Identity" movie. The researcher found 3 components of context (participants, setting and key) that influences the characters' languages use. Then, it will be discussed one by one as in the following.

##### **4.1.2.1. Participants**

The term participants refers to various combination of addressor-addressee, speaker-listener, or sender-receiver in communication. The participants of communication can influence in deciding language to shift the other. Speakers may change their language in communication because their listener use different languages. It occurs in order to get success communication between speaker and listener. Because, if speaker use language that is not understood by listener. It will be misunderstanding communication between them.





















In conversation above, Marie's underlined utterances showed the use of German in language shifting process. In that scene, Jason as an American talks to Marie in English and she responds to him in English too. But then, Marie feels peeved and shifts her language from English to German. The use of German to shift English occurs because she wants to express her peevishness with a language that the listener will not understand. She doesn't know that her listener understands her language (in German). So after she knows, she shifts her language again from German to English. It clearly presents the influence of key (manner) of context in the use of German to shift English.

#### **4.1.3. Contributing Factors of Characters' Language Shift in *The Bourne Identity* Movie.**

This part presented the third finding. It is about the factors that influence characters' language shift in "The Bourne Identity" movie. Holmes (1992) stated, there are contributing factors in language shift: social (interact, communicate in society), economic (obtaining work), politic (government policies concerning language), and demographic (migration, urbanization) (p. 65-66). The researcher found 10 data of language shift process occurrence in "The Bourne Identity" movie. In that process, the researcher found two factors are influential: social factor, economic factor, and demographic factor in characters' language shift. All findings data are present in three points based on the contributing factor.

























## 4.2. Discussions

In this section, the researcher discussed the results of the finding. There are three main points which are conducted by the researcher. The first point is about languages use by characters in “The Bourne identity” movie. The second is the influence of context to characters’ language use in language shift process. Then, the third point is factors that influence the characters’ language shift.

For the first discussion about languages use in language shift by the characters in “The Bourne identity” movies, the researcher found 5 different languages that are used by the character. The languages are English, Italian, Dutch, Italian and French. Each character can use two until four different languages (bilingual or multilingual): Jason (English, French, Dutch, and German), Marie (English, German), Giancarlo (Italian, English), the receptionist of Zurich bank (German, English), the attendants of morgue in Paris (French, English). From 5 languages are used by characters, three of them are used to shift characters’ mother language or native language in language shift process: English, French and German.

The second point of discussion, the researcher discussed the findings of the influence of contexts to languages use that are used to shift the other in language shifting process. There are three component of context that influences characters’ language use: participants, setting and key. The characters’ language use (English, French, and German) which is influenced by participants (addresses) of context was portrayed in data: datum 2, datum 3, datum 4, datum 5, datum

7 and datum 9. Then, characters' languages use (French and German) which is influenced by setting of the contexts was represented in data: datum 10 and datum 5. The last is characters' languages use (German) influenced by key (tone and manner). It was portrayed in datum 6.

The last discussion is about factors that influence characters' language shift in "The Bourne Identity" movie. Holmes (1992) argued, there are factors that influence language shifting: economic (obtaining work), social (to communicate), politic (government police concerning language) and demographic (migration, urbanization and intermarriage) (p. 65-66). From the finding above, the language shift process occurs 10 times and three factors influence the characters' language shift. The factors are social, economic and demographic.

Social factor is a factor that influences the language shifting in order to communicate and interact with society who has different language. It influences characters' language shift process, as it was portrayed in datum 2, datum 3, datum 5, datum 7, datum 8, and datum 10.

In characters' language shifting processes, economic factor influences 2 times out of 10 data of characters' language shift found. They are datum 4 and datum 9. Economic factor influences characters to do language shifting in order to do their job well.

The last factor which influences characters' language shift is demographic factor, migration. Demographic factor is a factor that influences the speed of language shifting. It was portrayed in datum 5, datum 7, and datum





is key, it refers to tone and manner or spirit in which a particular message is conveyed. It influences the use of German to shift the other language. It is done by Marie.

Three factors influence characters' language shift in "The Bourne Identity" movie. Those are social, economic, and demographic. Social factor influence characters' language shifting, it occurs when a character want to communicate successfully with other character who has different language, as it was done by Giancarlo, Jason, and Marie. Economic factor is a factor that influence characters' language, it occur when the characters who play a role as a worker in bank and morgue shift their language to customer language in order to give good service. The last factor is demographic factor. This factor influence characters' language shift when the character who play a role as immigrant in a new place shift their language to language of the new place in order to get success communication with society. As it was done by Jason as new comer in Paris, he shift his language (English) to French as language of Paris. Factor of demographic in this case is migration.

One factor may influence the other factor. In a language shift process two different factor may influence in the same time. As it occurred in Jason's language shift. Jason who play a role as new comer or immigrant in Paris shift his language (English) to Paris language or new place language (French) in order to communicate with society in that place. In this case, migration of demographic factor and social factor influence Jason's language shifting.











