ABSTRACT

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Black Vernacular English (BVE) is one of variety in English language which is used by African Americans (even not all) and has its own characteristics which are different with other variety. This variety usually used by black people, lower class, or uneducated people. This is also happened to Bigger Thomas (the main character in Richard Wright's novel, Native son) as black a person who has a lower position in social and education. He used Black Vernacular English as his habit while have a conversation.

This study focuses on the BVE which is used by Bigger Thomas in Richard Wright's Native son. Therefore, the data of this study is Bigger Thomas' utterance which is fully taken from the novel. Thus, the researcher applies the theory of BVE to conduct this study. This study approach appliesdescriptive and the technique of the data analysis is content analysis.

This study finds that Bigger Thomas uses the syntactical and phonological features, but from eight syntactical features, just seven features used by Bigger Thomas. They are, Absence of copula – be, the use of ain't, double negation, generalization of 'is' and 'was', direct question, invariant be, and completive done. Hence, the features which do not use is omission of –s in third person singular. In phonological features, there are six features, but just three features used by Bigger Thomas, they are deletion of 'l' and 'r', deletion of unstressed syllable and the use of an', 'em' and 'im'. And the features which do not use are,G dropping, Realization of voiced 'th', and consonant cluster simplification.

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Black Vernacular English (BVE) adalah salah satu variasi bahasa dalam bahasa Inggris yang digunakan oleh warga Afrika-Amerika (meski tidak semua) yang memiliki karakteristik sendiri dan berbeda dengan variasi bahasa yang lain. Variasi bahasa ini biasanya digunakan oleh orang kulit hitam kelas bawah atau yang berpendidikan rendah.Yang mana juga terjadi pada Bigger Thomas (tokoh utama dalam novelnya Richard Wright yang berjudul Native son) sebagai orang berkulit hitam, yang memiliki posisi yang rendah dalam kelas sosial dan pendidikan. Dia menggunakan BVE dalam percakapannya sebagai kebiasaan.

Penelitian ini focus pada BVE yang digunakan Bigger Thomas dalam novelnya Richard Wright yang berjudul Native son. Data yang diambil dalam penelitian ini berupa ujaran yang di produksi oleh Bigger Thomas. Oleh karena itu Peneliti menggunakan teori BE dan mengaplikasikan pendekatan deskriptif dalam penelitian ini, sedangkan pada teknik analisis data, penulis menggunakan analisa isi.

Penelitian ini menemukan bahwasannya Bigger Thomas menggunakan fitur sintaksis dan fonologi. Dalam fitur sintaksis, dari delapan fitur yang ada, hanya tujuh yang dipakai, yaitu, Absence of copula – be, the use of ain't, double negation, generalization of 'is' and 'was', direct question, invariant be, and completive done sedangkan fitur yang tidak dipakai adalah omission of –s in third person singular. Dalam fitur fonologi, dari enam fitur yang ada, hanya tiga fitur yang digunakan, yaitu deletion of 'l' and 'r', deletion of unstressed syllable and the use of an', 'em' and 'im'. Sedangkan tiga fitur yang tidak dipakai yaitu, G dropping, Realization of voiced 'th', and consonant cluster simplification.

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