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In other case, Rebecca also has little problem with her parents, especially her dad. Rebecca express doubtful when her dad buy a new van, meanwhile Rebecca do hope to is given money because she must pay her debt. Her family shows that they were harmonious family. But, after her parents know that Rebecca has many debts, her parents try to help her by selling a van which bought before. Her parents really care with Rebecca as her daughter.

As the result, the hedges used by Rebecca Bloomwood and Luke Brandon could help to reveal the relationship between them. In their using

of hedges make them became closer. There is a social distance between Rebecca Bloomwood and Luke Brandon due to Successful Saving Company. However, as the time gone, Rebecca Bloomwood and Luke Brandon often together in job and in other occasion which become the turning point to make the relationship became closer. In this way, the social distance is reflected in their used of hedges.

#### **4.2.2 Functions of Hedges**

The result of finding in function of hedges in table 4.1.2, it could be concluded that Rebecca use more hedges for the purpose of “expression of doubt” than Luke Brandon for “expression of confidence”. It proved what Holmes said that women use hedging devices to express uncertainty, and they uses intensifying to persuade their addressee to take them seriously (Holmes, *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*, 1992, p. 316). It is also clear that Luke Brandon use more hedges for expression of confidence rather than the function of hedges itself as expression of doubt. The researcher assumed that it might happen because the character of Luke Brandon shows higher degree of confidence. Although he produces some utterances consist of hedges, but it shows more his confidence than his doubt.

In table 4.1.2 showed the function of hedges of “Sensitivity to other’s feeling” produced more by Rebecca Bloomwood than Luke Brandon. It happens because Rebecca Bloomwood tended to use feeling in saying something and took closeness as a priority. For the function of

hedges “searching the right word”, Rebecca Bloomwood produces twenty utterances and Luke Brandon produces eleven utterances containing hedges. It indicates that that Rebecca Bloomwood produce function of “searching for the right word” more than Luke Brandon. it might because, Rebecca is the girl who doesn’t talk directly, she prefer to find other words to describe what she feels and need.

Rebecca Bloomwood produces “avoiding playing expert” more than Luke. Brandon. Rebecca produce three dialogue lines contain this function of hedges; while Luke Brandon produces two utterances consist this function. The researcher indicated that it happens because Rebecca Bloomwood considere closeness as an important thing, and she minimize the social distance between her and addressees. As Coates said that men tended to be expert in conversation, but women contrast, avoid the role of expert in conversation to minimize the social distance between participants an hedges appear to be useful strategy to achieve the goal (Coates, 1996).