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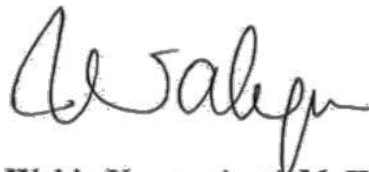


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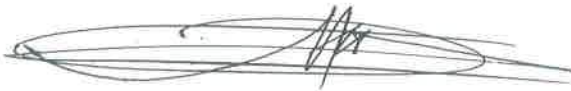
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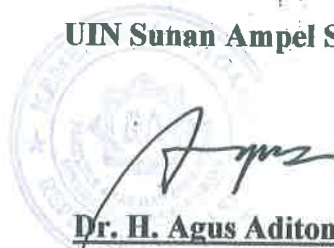


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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The important concepts for conducting research of Language Features between Men and Women on Youtube Vlog are provided in this chapter. Those are background of the study, research problems, research objectives, significance of the study, scope and limitations, and definition of key terms.

1.1 Background of The Study

As social beings who always interact with other people, communication is an important tool usually used by humans. According to Martin (1995: 13), one of the ways to send information is communication. It is the method by which people share their ideas, information, opinion, and feeling. In communication, humans need a language. Wardhaugh (2006: 1) explains that a language is an important tool used by humans when carrying out interaction with others. It means that using language is a human's natural way to convey their idea, information, opinion, feeling and so on. As stated by Bloomfield (1964: 3) that language plays a great part in our lives. It shows that language is an important tool in communication between one person to another to build interaction among them. By using the development of technology, communication can be done easily even with people in the distance. So, people do not need to worry about it. By using the internet, everyone in the world will be easily connected. It is supported by Farooq and Jan (2014: 1188) that social media is a technology that facilitates people to share the idea, information and also the building of virtual networks and community.

From the statement above, it means people can build communication through the internet, especially social networking sites. It allows people to share their opinion, feeling, and ideas on a social networking site to have a connection with their relation. Since the internet society also needs language to build communication, it does not close the possibility that internet language also has language variation. One of the factors which make the variation of language on the internet is gender.

Gender is one of the influences of language in society. Men and women usually have different ways of producing language. Wardhaugh (2006: 320) says that gender contributes as a factor in language variation, especially in word choices. In a simple statement, both men and women use their ways of producing language when they communicate. Holmes (2001: 154) states women language usually deal with politeness and conveying feeling and also using more question tag and hedges (Lakoff, 1975: 45) in their speech. While men's language is usually associated with slang, and use more direct language rather than women (Wardhaugh, 2006: 45). It can be concluded that both men and women, they have different own language in communication. Their language change can also be changed based on the situation, context and also personal goals in doing communication.

There have been some studies conducted by other researchers about the language features of men or women. First, the research conducted by Andrew White (2003) examines women's usage of speech linguistic function in casual conversation context. Second, the research conducted by Hamda Sameer (2011) investigates the linguistic genderlect of the writing style of Arab male and female

novelist. The third research is conducted by LisdaAini (2016) identifies women's language used by the main character of Mockingjay Movie. All the researches above have been conducted by using the same theory proposed by Lakoff (1975). It seems like neglect the other theory which also defines language features. Besides, most of the previous research tends to find language or speech features used by women rather than men. So, this present study aims at filling these gaps by investigating the use of language feature of both men and women using another theory proposed by Coates (2013) about seven language features used by men and women in speaking practice.

As stated by Coats (2013: 86) men and women characteristically draw on different ways in conversational practice. She concentrates on seven features of conversational practice. These are questions, command and directives, compliment, swearing and taboo languages, minimal responses, hedges, and tag questions. The differences in language features between men and women also lead to another fact that they also have different functions or purposes in communication. While Merchant (2012: 64) in their thesis, the main difference language style of men and women comes from the fact that men and women have different purposes of communication. It also supported by Bloomfield (1933: 31) that humans communicate with each other based on a different purpose. It means that men and women doing conversation with particular goals. It can be to express feeling, solve problems, debate issues, etc. Based on the statement above, the researcher considers finding the differences and the similarities of language feature between men and women and also the purposes of their speech, especially on the youtube video.

official site of youtube, the mission of youtube is to give everyone a voice and show them to the world. It means anyone deserves to have a voice, they can share and build community through our stories since the world is a better place when we listen. As cited in youtube.com (para. 3) that there are four essential freedoms describe youtube itself. They are freedom to belong, freedom of information, freedom of opportunity, and freedom of expression. As we see youtube allows people to share about an opinion, feeling, hobby, activity, science, etc in video format. Beside allows people to share, it also allows them to see and give comments on what they have shared.

So in youtube channel, people only share an opinion, feeling, hobby, activity, science, etc in the form of video and usually the user can give little captions in their video posts. While the viewer of the video in youtube channel, they can give like with click the symbol of mother finger, and also they can click 'subscribe', if they like with the videos of the youtube account which upload the video, and the viewer can also give a comment below the video.

2.1.5 Vlog

Lee (2017: 28) states vlog typically features a single person speaking to a camera about a range of topics, including personal topics or those relating to the wider world, etc. Vlog posts consist of creating a video of ourselves or an event then uploading it to the internet, and publishing it within a post on our blog.

Sometimes, the contents of a vlog can also be like stories of daily activity, hobbies, stories of experience and so on. In this study the researcher only to find

For the second previous study, it was from research conducted by Miftahul Aini (2016) under the title *Women Language Used by The Main Characters of Mockingjay Movie*. She investigates the major feature of women's language used by the main characters of Mockingjay movie. She uses qualitative descriptive design in which the data came from the conversations that were uttered by the characters of the main character of Mockingjay movie using Lakoff's theory (1975). The findings show not all types of women's speech features were used by the main character of Mockingjay movie. The female character has six types of women's speech feature, they are rising intonation, lexical hedge, intensifier, super polite form, tag question, emphatic stress, and precise discrimination. Meanwhile, the male character only has five types. They were super polite form, lexical hedge, intensifier, rising intonation, and tag question.

The third is research conducted by RizaSolikha (2016) entitled *Women Language Features in Michelle Obama's Speech as an African First Lady*. The research aimed to find the types of women's speech features, the most frequent speech feature which appears and the purpose of those features. This research conducted using the descriptive qualitative method. The data comes from the script that are the words, phrases, clauses, and sentences used by Michelle Obama by using Lakoff's theory. The findings show that there were only seven features emerged in Michelle Obama's speech. They are lexical hedge, empty adjective, the rise of intonation on declarative, intensifier, super polite form, empathic stress, and empty adjective. While the other speech features were not found such as tag question, avoidance of strong swear word and precise color terms. The most

The last previous study is from a journal article written by RirinSetyowati et al (2017) entitled *Women's Language Features Found in Female Character's Utterances in The Devil Wears Prada Movie*. This research aims to identify the women's language features according to Lakoff's theory and also identify language functions used by women's language features found in The Devil Wears Prada Movie. The researcher conducted this research by using a descriptive qualitative method. As the results, the researcher found nine features from ten features used by the female character in the movie. Those are 7 of lexical hedges or fillers, 3 of emphatic stress, 3 of tag questions, 3 of strong and swear words, 2 of rising intonation on declarative, 0 of hypercorrect grammar, 1 of precious color terms, 10 of intensifiers and 4 of super polite forms. Then, there are language functions used by women's language found in female character's utterances in the movie. They are directive function, expressive function, and metalinguistic function.

By presenting the research of The use of Language Features between men and women on youtubevlog in this present study, it would create a good finding which is different from the others. It is because the writer uses another theory proposed by Coates (2004). Besides, the researcher also investigates the use of language feature of both men and women utterances on Youtubevlog.

Furthermore, this research is also intended to develop the analysis from Aprihastiwi (2015) that is by expanding the data of the research. Here, the researcher analyzes the language features from both men and women utterances on Youtubevlog. Besides, the research is also intended to use another theory as suggested by Aprihastiwi (2015).

The most frequent language features used by men and women's Youtube vlog is Hedges, with the total number 298. Besides, the language features that did not find in the utterances of men and women on Youtube vlog is minimal response. While the other five features they are question, tag question, command and direct, swear and taboo word and compliment are also applied in men and women's Youtube Vlog.

From the findings, it shows that there are different numbers and purposes found between men and women's utterances on Youtube Vlog. In the use of hedges, women are more dominant than men. It because women's speech is often described as tentative which expresses the vlogger's doubt and confidence of their statement. While in the use of compliment, men are more dominant than women. It because most of the compliments found in this research are minimal pattern (Adjective+Noun). As stated by Holmes that the minimal pattern has a simple pattern that usually used by men.. In the use of command and directive, this study found women and men have a little different number of the use of command and directive. It might because one of the purpose of creating vlog is to influence viewers to do something. So, they have almost the same number in using command and direct. The next feature is swearing and taboo word. Here, the researcher found men used more swear and taboo words than women, but they only have a little different number in the use of swearing and taboo word. So, it cannot be described clearly why men have more number of swearing than women. The next feature is question. The use of question in this study shows that women used question more

than men. It might be because women want to keep discussion or conversation going. By giving questions to the addressee, it could catch the viewers' attention.

In other hand, the research did not find minimal response and tag question used by both of them. It might be difficult to find the use of minimal response because the data comes from youtube vlog utterances. In youtube vlog most of the vloggers speak something (such as feeling, opinion, experience, hobby and etc.) by her/himself without other person talking to in the video. The addressee is addressed to the viewer. Therefore, the possible to find out the use of minimal response and tag question on youtube vlog is very small. So, the vlogger could not give feedback such a minimal response or maybe give a tag question.

The use of five features of seven features which are proposed by Coates (2013) in this present research has their own function. The function of each feature depends on the purpose of the vlogger to deliver their speech. Therefore, this present research really shows the result on how men and women acquired the language speech features in speaking. The result shows the possible purposes of language feature used by men and women on Youtube vlog are hedges to mitigate or decrease the strength of the statement, question to catch the viewer's attention to the discussion keep going on the addressee, compliments to express feeling and admiration, command and directs to persuade or involve the viewer on their vlog, swear and taboo words for being to express negative feeling such annoying thing.

As stated in the previous chapter, this present research aims to develop the research from Ningsih (2015). Therefore, the researcher intends to compare this present result with the previous one. In theory, the previous researcher uses

the research did not find minimal response and tag question used by both of them. It might be difficult to find the use of minimal response because the data comes from youtubevlog utterances. As stated by Lee (2017: 28) vlog typically features a single person speaking to a camera about a range of topics, including personal topics or those relating to the wider world, etc. It means the addressee is addressed to the viewer. Therefore, the possibility to find out the use of minimal response and tag question on Youtubevlog is very small. So, the vlogger could not give feedback such a minimal response or maybe give a tag question because it is not kind of a dialogue conversation but tends to monologue conversation.

Women are more dominant in the use of language features, in which the researcher found 225 words which indicate language features. While in men's Youtubevlog, the researcher found 210 words that indicate language features. Besides, the analysis can be seen that men are dominant in using Compliments and Swear and Taboo Words. While women are dominant in using Hedge, Command and Direct and Question.

The first feature is Hedges. It is found in both men and women's Youtubevlog. Both men and women using hedges are to mitigate or decrease the strength of the statement. Sometimes the vlogger feels doubt with their assertion. So, they mitigate their statement. The second feature is compliments. Most of the vloggers use compliments to express feeling and admiration toward something. The third feature is command and directs are to persuade or involve the viewer on their vlog. The fourth is questions are to catch the viewer's attention so the discussion

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