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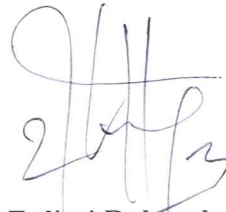
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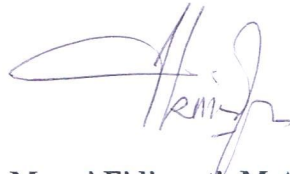
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women tend to have the capability to build up a conversation. According to Climate (1997), women generally use speech to develop and maintain relationships, while men more aggressive as it is supposed to demonstrate a position of dominance. Men's speech features strategies such as initiating and receiving more verbal and non-verbal interaction than women introducing more topics while talking with other people. Therefore, the researcher analyzes speech features, especially used by men, because men have their own characteristics of speech.

Haas (1979) stated that women and men speech had been observed as identifying the differences in their form, topic, content, and use. In communication, differences through gender have shown that men and women differ in their communication characteristics. As explained before, Coates (2004) stated there are two types of speech features. They are men's speech features and women's speech features. Men's speech features such as topic choice, monologues, and playing the expert, questions, verbal sparring. Meanwhile, women's speech features, such as topic and topic development, minimal responses, hedges, questions, turn-taking. According to Lakoff (1973) the types of speech features are hedges, super polite forms, tag questions, speaking in italics, empty adjectives, hypercorrect grammar and pronunciation, lack of a sense of humor, direct quotations, special vocabulary, question intonation in declarative contexts. In this study, the researcher tries to analyze speech features, especially men's speech features.

Several studies have been analyzed about speech features. The analyzed men's speech features, women's speech features, and also differences between men's and women's speech features which became the most interesting topics to be analyzed. The first researcher is Ma'rifah (2018) studied that the researcher tried to prove that not only women who use features of women's language but also men's language. Second, Marhaeny (2016) studied women's characters in the movie's utterances with men's speech features. The last researcher is Rohmania (2016) studied women's speech features used by the main character in "Lucy" Luc Besson's movie.

From the previous studies, mostly, the researchers apply the framework by Robin Lakoff's theory (1973). And some of the researchers only analyze one character in the movie. In this present study tries to fill in the gaps of the previous research by applying different framework by Jennifer Coates (2004). Besides, the researcher investigates all characters in the movie as the object.

Therefore, after reading all of the previous studies, the researcher knows that there are many researchers about language and gender. Thus, the researcher interested and decided to do research on speech features. Especially when the researcher read Marhaeny's (2016) research about men's speech features used by women character, it inspired the researcher to do this research, but in this study, the writer use men characters. Moreover, the researcher knows that the subject of all of the previous studies that the researcher has mentioned above is a movie. To analyze speech, the researcher needs utterances that get from characters

conversation in the movie. Therefore, the researcher did the same thing and used a movie as the subject of the research.

One of the ways to analyze speech features is dialogues in the movie. The movie chosen by the researcher is *Bohemian Rhapsody*. This study analyzes speech features used by men characters in the movie. The researcher used this movie as a source of data because all the main characters in the movie are men. *Bohemian Rhapsody* was a 2018 biographical movie about the British rock band named Queen. This movie told the journey of the legendary band Queen, and this film takes the title of one of the Queen's songs written by Freddie Mercury for their album *A Night at the Opera* (1975) entitled *Bohemian Rhapsody*, which was released on October 31, 1975. The movie presents the career journey of the Queen consist of Freddie Mercury as a vocalist, Roger Taylor as a drummer, Brian May as a guitarist, and John Deacon as bassist.

Moreover, the movie tells the story of their meet until the friendship that exists in the group. At the end of the movie, they perform together on Live Aid in 1985, although Freddie initially left Queen to pursue his solo career. The show was six years before Freddie finally died because of AIDS.

The purpose of this present study is to analyze the utterances of male characters in the *Bohemian Rhapsody* movie. The researcher uses Jennifer Coates's theory to identify the speech produced by male characters in the movie. Through this study, the researcher finds out the use of men's speech features by all male characters in the movie. Moreover, the researcher also describes the situation when the character uses speech features such as topic choice, questions,

masculine and feminine. There are certain aspects, linguistic features, and specific insertions that are identified as being characteristic of women's speech and men's speech, respectively. Humans use language as the way they share their thoughts and emotions towards each other. Although the language is known as a bridge to connect people to other people, the usage of language itself is different between man and woman. Power in language usage is a very important part of gender differences in speech features. For example, men often do interruption than women. Commonly interruption will appear in interaction not only in same-gender but also in cross-gender interaction. In linguistics, some research discover the differences between the usage of language by men and women Coates (2004, p. 3). According to Coates, a woman tends to speak with uncertainty and unassertive Coates (2004, p. 6). This kind of tendency is different from the way how a man talks or share their thoughts with others. Man tends to speak directly without any doubt. Coates (2004, p. 6).

Moreover, man tends to speak competitively rather than cooperatively Coates (2004, p. 133). Otherwise, a woman tends to speak cooperatively than being competitive. There are many differences in the usage of language between man and woman, which has discovered by some researchers. Some researchers stated that a woman's language is more polite rather than man's language Coates (2004, p. 13). Moreover, man uses swear words more often than a woman does Coates (2004, p. 13).

2.2 Speech Features

As it is known from the explanation above that the usage of language is different between man and woman, it also affects the way they speak to each other, and they have their features of speech. Speech features are speech that has characteristics that used by different gender, age, and social group. Based on different gender, speech women and men differ in some cases. The difference are quite small and generally noticed. They may use different gestures and facial expressions. The man and women did not speak a different language. They speak different varieties of the same language. The differences in speech between men and women can be seen in daily life by comparing how men and women say, even though they have the same intentions, but the choice of the words they use is different from the topic of language and gender. There are two kinds of speech features, which most states by many researchers in language and gender fields, including woman's speech features and man's speech features. Moreover, Coates states that women and men have different speech features when they are talking to others Coates (2004, p. 3). Women tend to talk like powerless and being subordination. Otherwise, men tend to be dominant in the conversation Coates (2004, p. 6). Furthermore, men tend to disagree with or ignore each other's utterances. Women tend to acknowledge and build on them. Coates mentions five speech features that used by men. These five features are as follows:

2.2.1 Topic Choice

Topic choice is very important to make a conversation between one and another. Men and women have a different topic choices when they are talking

Hymes (1974) thought that by looking at how people use language, patterns could be discovered that otherwise would not be by just looking at the words themselves. The types of the situation by Hymes (1974) such as:

- 1) S. The first letter ("S") designates **Situation**, which includes both the scene and the setting. This is where the activities are taking place and the overall scene in which they are apart.
- 2) P. The second refers to the **Participants** involved. This area includes the people present and the roles they play, or the relationships they have with other participants.
- 3) E. Next, the **End** or goals of communication can be studied.
- 4) A. **Acts** or speech acts include both form and content. That is, any action can be considered a communicative action if it conveys meaning to the participants.
- 5) K. One can also choose to focus upon the **Key** or tone of speech. How the speech sound or was delivered.
- 6) I. **Instrumentality** or the channel through which communication flows can be examined.
- 7) N. The **Norms** of communication or the rules guiding talk and its interpretation can reveal meaning.
- 8) G. Finally, one can look at cultural or traditional speech **Genres**, such as proverb, apologies, prayers, small talk, problem talk, etc.

By using these types (S.P.E.A.K.I.N.G.) we can learn more about how people communicate and how that communication is often patterned.

2.4 Previous Studies

In this part, there are some researchers about women and men's speech features that already done. The first study was conducted by Umi Hanik Ma'rifah (2018) from the Islamic State University of Sunan Ampel Surabaya. She analyzed features of woman's language used by the main man Character in Mike Mitchell's movie Sky High. She used Lakoff's theory to find her research. In her research she wants to prove that not only women who use features of women's language but also men. The data were taken from the utterances of the main character of this movie. The results of her study are to show that not all features of women's language occur in the dialogues. They are lexical hedges or pause filler, tag question, rising intonation on declarative, intensifier, hypercorrect grammar, super polite form and emphatic stress.

The second study is Rohmania (2016) from the Islamic State University of Sunan Ampel Surabaya. She analyzed women's speech features used by the main character in "Lucy" Luc Besson's movie. The researcher focuses on women's speech features they are lexical hedges or fillers, tag questions, rising intonation on declarative, 'empty' adjectives, precise color terms, intensifiers, 'hypercorrect' grammar, 'superpolite' forms, avoidance of strong swear words, and emphatic stress. The result of this research, the researcher found only six types of women's speech features used by Lucy in her utterance. They are lexical hedges or fillers, rising intonation, intensifier, hypercorrect grammar, super polite forms, and avoidance of strong swear words. She uses Lakoff's theory as the theory of women's speech features.

The third researcher is Marhaeny (2016) from Islamic State University of Sunan Ampel Surabaya. She analyzed men's speech features used by woman character on "Gone Girl" movie. She made a new contribution that she analyzed women's character of the movie's utterances with men's speech features. She use Robin Lakoff's theory as the theory of men's speech features. The result in her research the writer concluded that some of the men's speech features used by Amy as a woman character. In men's speech features, four categories chosen by the researcher included pronunciation usage, vocabulary usage, syntactical usage, and interruption. In each category is divided again into some elements. Based on pronounce usage, the fewer - ing used by Amy is seven times. Category of vocabulary usage; from adjective is four times, the use of adverb is ten times, swear word 20 times, the pronoun has 18 times. Besides from Syntactical usage category; the use of declarative sentences 22 times, the imperative sentence is seven times, and nonstandard grammar acquires 9. The last one from interruption, which is acquiring 23 as the highest category that often occurs.

From previous studies that the writer found, all of them focused on the movie. They analyzed the dialogues in the movie. Furthermore, the result of their studies, they showed not all types of women's and men's linguistic features, as Robin Lakoff (1973) listed. Meanwhile, the writer analyzes the utterance used by men characters in the movie entitled "*Bohemian Rhapsody*." The similarity of the previous study and this thesis is analyzing speech features in the movie.

wonderful. They're becoming a part of our show. I want to encourage that, so I've got an idea to involve them a little bit more. Let's start with this.

Brian's utterance above occurred when the band members and their wives gathered at their band's studio. At that time, Brian thought and had ideas to invite other members Roger, John, and their wives to go up on the small stage in the studio. They enthusiastically followed Brian's invitation to go onstage. When they all went up on stage, Brian explained what ideas he had thought before. Brian told that during their last concert, all the audience sang their songs, and Brian felt that it was beautiful, and the audience became part of their show. So Brian has an idea to engage his audience by making moves that have a rhythm. Brian shows movement and explains that the movement and rhythm must be in rhythm. Roger and John followed the movements shown by Brian, and they agreed with Brian's idea that he wanted to involve the audience by giving movement. These movements include jerking of the feet on the floor and applause. Suddenly Freddie came and he didn't know what was going on because he was late. Freddie apologized to Brian that he was late and he wanted to know what happened. The other members are a bit upset because he's late again and again. After that, Brian had to explain his idea again that he wanted to involve the audience in their song so that the audience could become part of the band. Brian showed his movements again, and Freddie and the other members followed the movements demonstrated by Brian.

Datum 6

Freddie : What's going on, Brian?
 Brian : Well, if you'd answered your phone, you'd know already
 Freddie : This really isn't a good time, guys
 Brian : John Reid called today. He has a little tour in mind for us

This conversation occurred at Mery's house, Mery was Freddie's girlfriend at that time Freddie and Mery were together. Suddenly Brian, Roger, and John enter Mery's home, their coming makes surprised Freddie and Mery. Then, Freddie asked Brian what had happened. Brian answered a question from Freddie that if he picked up the phone from him, Freddie would know what had happened because at that moment Freddie's phone was off, so he didn't know if there was a telephone. Brian explained that their band got a call from their manager, John Reid. John Reid called them because he was thinking about touring for their band Queen. The situation at that time showed the pleasure of them because their group was going on a tour to America.

Datum 7

Freddie : Look, I'm happy to strip off my shirt and flagellate myself before you. Or rather, I could ask you a simple question
 Roger : I'm good with the flagellation
 (SIGHS)
 Freddie : What's it gonna take for you all to forgive me?

This situation happens in the new Queen's office manager, Miami. At that time, Freddie's relationship with the band members was not good because Freddie had previously decided to pursue a solo career. It's making Brian, Roger, and John still upset with Freddie. Freddie decided to meet his band members because he wanted to apologize for his action. Freddie stated that he needed his

4.2 Discussion

This part discussed the result of data analysis men's speech theory proposed by Jeniffer Coates stated that there are five features. Speech features occur in the conversation of men characters in the movie the researcher put the data from the utterances of speech features used by men characters found in *Bohemian Rhapsody's* movie. The researcher found five types of speech features such as topic choice, monologues, and playing the expert, questions, verbal sparring, and turn-taking. However, based on the data that have been analyzed, the researcher finds all types of men's speech features.

In this study, the researcher focused on the men's speech features used by men characters of *Bohemian Rhapsody* movie. Men characters in *Bohemian Rhapsody's* movie are Freddie, Roger, Brian, and John. From this analysis, it is clear that men characters used all of the categories of men's speech features. Each feature has its frequencies. From the five types of speech features, topic choice use by men characters are 3 times. Monologues and playing the expert find is 6 times, the use of questions is 27 times, verbal sparring 2 times, turn-taking 9 times. The total of speech features which are used by men characters are 47 speech features. Questions types is the most frequent type of speech features which often occur in the *Bohemian Rhapsody* Movie.

Meanwhile, the least frequent variety of speech features is verbal sparring. The reason why question types usually occurs in this conversation because men characters in this movie are more aggressive as it is supposed to demonstrate a position of dominance. For instance, Freddie's speech initiates to

ask for something for other people. Furthermore, the researcher also analyzes the situation of speech features used by men characters in *Bohemian Rhapsody's* movie. The kinds of situations were full fill in each men's speech features. There are many emotion and situation that caused by men characters of this movie that is they feel so disappointed, happy, angry, and confused in any set and scenes with kinds of the topic.

Based on the finding above, the reseacher tends to discuss this present research with several previous research. The first research is conducted Ma'rifah (2018) and Marhaeny (2016). This present research has similarities with previous research conducted by Ma'rifah (2018), Marhaeny (2016) that the second statement of the problems they analyzed the situations that caused by the character in the movie. This present study use the same theory of situational context with the previous research that is Hyme's theory. The result of their research showed 29 and 19 situations that caused by the character in Mike Mitchell's movie Sky High and from women character on Gone Girl Movie. While in this present study, the researcher found 11 situations that caused by men characters in Bohemian Rhapsody movie. Thus, this present research is almost same with the previous research that analyze the situational that caused by the main character in the movie. While, different with the peresent research the other previous research Rohmania (2016) in the second research problems she analyze which type of women's speech features used by the main character in "Lucy" Luc Besson's movie occurs most frequently. The pervious research found that the type of women's speech features which occurs most frequently by the main characters in

“*Lucy*” movie is intensifier. It was used by Lucy for thirteen times from one hundred and sixty-six utterances.

Moreover, the other similarities this present research with several previous research are use a movie as object the study in the research. Meanwhile, the other differences between this present research with the previous reseach are the uses of theory in analyzing of speech features. The severel previous research all of the reseacher use Robin Lakoff’s theory as the theory of speech features. While in this present research, the researcher use different theory that is Jennifer Coates’s theory as the theory of speech features. In case, from the previous studies can support this present study to find out new finding about speech features.

This section, the researcher hopes that the findings of this research has a good contribution to others. And, the researcher also hopes this study will give everybody a lot of benefits and give the readers a better understanding of speech features.

