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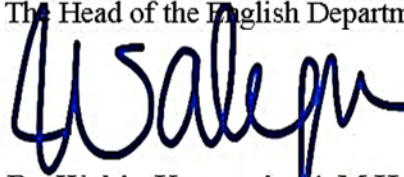
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In the childhood period, both men and women are physiologically and mentally distinct in many respects. Eisenmen (1997) believes that women have stronger memories than men, but women do not have a good sense. It relates to the fact that men do better than women when conducting visual-spatial tests and in mathematics. Besides, linguistics activity is maintained differently. In language studies, it is referring to the language of women and men.

The investigation of men and women's language has seemingly reached a consensus that Buck (1997) states that men are aroused internally but "keep in" emotions. In contrast, women freely express feelings. When referring to other people, men and women have their language characteristics. Women talk rather than men. Women prefer to be fairer than men, and women tend to build up a dialogue. Climate (1997) states that women use language to build and maintain relationships, whereas men have a dominant role. In the modern era, women are still underrepresented in conversation with men. Therefore, women can trust things that have nothing to do with masculinity because, in general, men start a conversation more often than women. According to Pallavi (2019, p. 2), men's language is a feature in several strategies, such as starting and getting more verbal and non-verbal interactions than women introduce more subjects in their discussions with others.

Differences by gender in communication have shown that both men and women vary in their characteristics of communication. For example, Coates (2004) states that men's language was characterized by topic choice, monologues, playing the expert, question, and verbal sparring. In contrast,

according to Lakoff (1975), women's speech was characterized by some linguistic features such as lexical hedges, tag questions, rising intonation on declarative, empty adjectives, precise color terms, intensifiers, hypercorrect grammar, super-polite forms, avoidance of strong swear words and emphatic stress.

In addition to the fact that language has many types used by men and women, language also has a function that can give meaning. Thus, according to Jakobson (1960, p. 353), language must be considered in all its functions. The language functions include referential functions, emotive function, conative function, poetic function, phatic function, and meta-lingual functions.

The existing studies on language features have well documented the different features of men and women's linguistic features (e.g., Coates, 2004; Lakoff, 1975) and are still mushrooming until today. Many studies on language features focused on movies and TV series (e.g., Aini, 2016; Hanifa, 2014; Jie Li, 2014; Juwita, Sunggingwati, & Valiantien, 2018; Naovaratthanakorn, 2017). Three of them focused on women's language features, and they all used Lakoff's women's linguistics feature theory. Furthermore, previous studies about women's language features occurred in the movies (e.g., Aini, 2016, Ma'rifah, 2018, Oktapiani, Natsir, & Setyowati, 2017, Rahmawati, 2019, Ramadhani, 2017, Rohmania, 2016, Subyantari, 2018). Some of the studies focused on internet language features (e.g., Agustin, 2014; Badriah, 2015; Rokhmah, 2019), talk show (e.g., Apridaningrum, 2018; Claudia, 2018; Harjo, 2017; Kartika & Rusnaningtias, 2017), speeches (e.g., Riza, 2016; Solikha, 2016; Yuniarti, 2014).

Studies on men's and women's language features in the movie have been conducted widely in the attempt (Aini 2016; Khoirot, Rohmah, & Puspitasari, 2016; Ma'rifah 2018; Rahmawati 2019; Priska, Candra, & Utami, 2020). The studies found that they used Lakoff's theory to investigate women's language feature. Aini's (2016) research on women's language features in a science fiction-adventure movie entitled *Mockingjay* showed that the female character used seven features of women's speech. Meanwhile, the male character used only five features. They did not use three other features. The study also found that the use of women's language features is related to the social condition.

In her study on women's language features in *Who is Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, Khoirot et al. (2016) Found that the most dominant features of Sarah, the main female language character, are lexical hedges and fillers. She believes that such features reflect her lack of trust, mitigates his potential disagreement or unpleasantness, and blurring the strength of a very painful argument. Similarly, Rahmawati (2019), who investigated women's language features in *Furlough's* movie following Lakoff's (1975) and Pearson's (1985) theory, found that the dominant types of women's language in this movie were intensifier. In addition, this movie's dominant function was feeling or opinion, which meant that women in this movie have various expressions and thoughts.

Aini (2016) mention that the dominant speech characteristics of women who appear in this research have found that both of them are increasingly intoned, as they want to show a reluctance to express their opinion firmly. However, the male character still dominates rising intonation, so he is unsure whether the recipient

agrees. Meanwhile, Ma'rifah (2018) found that the most dominant characteristic features of the woman are lexical or filler hedges, and the majority of circumstances relate to his lack of conviction, mitigating the potential uncomfortability uncommodity of his argument and blunting the power of a humiliating declaration.

Priska et al. (2020), state that the lead character in the movie, is a female-typical female girl who often attempts to remind the listeners of her feeling or emotion with the sentence. The intensifiers are the primary types in female features of the language spoken in this movie.

Previous studies on men's and women's language features have provided significant movie, speech, and talk show findings. Most of them used women's language features by Lakoff's theory. The theory from Lakoff used by the previous researcher is about lexical hedges or filler, rising intonation and declarative, tag question, empty adjective, precise color terms, intensifier, hypercorrect grammar, super polite forms, avoidance of strong swear words, and emphatic stress. However, little attention has been paid to investigate men's and women's language features in movies, speech, and talk shows. Here, the researcher finds the previous study's lack of attention in analyzing both men's and women's language features. In addition to finding the different language features in men and women, the researcher also investigates language function because both the types and functions have relations. The relation between the types and the function leads other people to understand the intention while they utter the particular language features. The researcher uses selected characters because the

researcher only chooses men's and women's characters mostly appear in this movie.

Movie, as translated in Merriam-Webster dictionary, is a recording of moving images that tells a story" ("Movie," n.d.). Therefore, analyzing dialogues in the movie can be a means from which we show real-life-like communication (Spiker, 2012). Hence, it may reflect men's and women's language in society. This study aims at analyzing language features in the movie entitled Aladdin. Aladdin is a film that talks about a man, a beautiful street urchin, and then Aladdin meets a beautiful Princess Jasmine, the daughter of Agrabah's sultan. Aladdin stumbles upon a magical oil lamp that stirs a strong, wisecracking, more life-giving genius during his visit to his exotic palace. As Aladdin and the genie start to be friends, they will soon have to undertake a dangerous mission to stop the lousy magician Jaffar from overthrowing the kingdom of the young Jasmin.

In addition to analyzing language features, the researcher also examined the language function following Jakobson's theory of language function (1960). There is six language function, and those are referential function, which is oriented toward the context. Then an emotive function which is toward the addresser, the next is a conative function, which is toward the addressee, while poetic function, its mean focus on the message for its own sake, afterward phatic function, it is mean that serves to establish, prolong or discontinue communication and meta-lingual function, which is used to demonstrate.

This study aims to analyze the utterances of the main male and female in the Aladdin movie. The researcher uses Jennifer Coates's theory to identify the speech

between man and woman. Power in language use for speech features is an essential part of gender differences. For starters, men sometimes make interruptions than women do. In interaction, the interruption will appear not only in the same sex but also in the sexes' interaction.

Coates (2004, p.3) mentions that some researchers say that there are variations between men and women's use of words in linguistic terms. It means that when they speak to others, men and women have different language characteristics. According to Coates (2004, p. 6), a woman tends to talk with uncertainty and unsettling. This sort of tendency is different from the way a man talks with others or shares their thoughts. Coates (2004, p. 6) mention without any doubt, man tends to speak explicitly. Based on Coates (2004, p. 133). Besides, Instead of cooperating, man wants to talk competitively. A woman prefers to speak cooperatively instead of competitively. According to Coates (2004, p. 13), there are many variations in man-woman language usage, which some researchers have discovered. Some scholars have claimed that a woman's language is more respectful than the language of a man. Swear words are used by man rather than the woman.

2.2 Men's Language

Lakoff (2004) states that there are many aspects on which linguistic variations between men and women arise. He said men are more assertive, more mature, more specific, or more clear in language. Another theory discussing male language linguistically is Coates' men linguistics features (2004, p. 97). Coates stated that men's language features include men who are more active in choosing

Coates's theory states that there are five features, namely topic choice, question, monologues playing the expert, turn-taking, and verbal sparring.

In contrast, the women's Language feature put forward by Lakoff's theory states that there are ten features, namely lexical hedges or fillers, hypercorrect grammar, rising Intonation on declarative, intensifier, precise color terms, empty adjectives, emphatic stress, strong swear avoidance, tag questions, and super polite forms. In this study, the researcher also linked the language function proposed by Jakobson's theory. He states six functions of language: the referential function, emotive function, conative function, poetry function, phatic function, and metalingual function. Based on male and female language features and language functions, not all female language features were found in this study, but one language cannot be applied in this research.

In this study, the researcher focuses on language features and language function of the selected men and women characters' language in the Aladdin 2019 movie. First, the researcher used utterances containing men's language features of Aladdin, Jafar, Genie, and Sultan as the male characters. And then, the researcher uses women characters are Jasmine and Dahlia's utterances containing women's language features.

In the study, the researcher has answered the first question dealing with what language features are used by men and women characters in Aladdin's movie. The researcher found the men characters used monologue playing the expert, turn-taking, question, topic choice, and verbal sparring. As much as 12 times, 11 times, 8 times, 6 times, and 3 times, respectively. Monologue playing the expert, with

twelve occurrences, was the most frequently used feature by the men characters in Aladdin's 2019 movie, followed by the turn-taking feature with eleven events. The part of monologue playing the expert, according to Coates (2004), In men talking to a monolog in a talk he became a speaker who has communications on the board. According to Coates (2004), the turn-taking feature mentions that turn-taking refers to determining who talks next in a conversation. Speakers who take the opportunity to chat with just one speaker at a time sometimes talk.

The finding of the study seems to contradict that of Pahlevi (2019). Her study used a movie entitled Bohemian Rhapsody as a data source. She found five types of men language based on Coates's theory. The dominant feature questions with 27 data are more offensive than the order characters because men in this movie are expected to show superiority. Based on Coates (2004), men tend to use questions to hand over the conversational floor to another speaker. Meanwhile, in this research, the dominant feature is monologue playing the expert with 12 data. Suggests that because the men characters take, it turns to hold the floor and talk about a subject on which they are an expert. Coates (2004) mentions that men tend to speak one monologue in the conversation that he became one speaker that holds the floor in communication.

Other men's language features found in Aladdin's 2019 movie are question, topic choice, verbal sparring. According to Coates (2004), men tend to use questions to hand over the conversational floor to another speaker. Topic choice based on Coates (2004) Men does not usually talk about their personal lives or problems, although, for example, they intend under certain circumstances to talk

1975). According to Lakoff (1975), avoiding strong swear words is “meaningless” Used in general for men and women. It illustrates the social sense of speech and demonstrates the relation between speakers regarding what they are discussing. Moreover, the last feature used by women characters in Aladdin's 2019 movie is Hypercorrect grammar. Lakoff (1973) states that ‘hypercorrect’ The use of generic verb forms is highly acceptable grammar.

Based on the finding above related to present research with several previous research. This study strengthens previous research from Aini (2016). She analyzed men and women's language features in Mocking jay movies. In women's language, the feature of rising intonation is dominant 10 times because women in this movie indicate an unwillingness to be assertive in carrying the opinion. According to Lakoff (1975), there is a particular trend of penalty intonation found in English amongst women alone, which takes the form and is employed as a declarative reply to a question but has a growing inflection characteristic of a yes-no question and is unbelievably unclear. At the same time, other previous research is Khoirot et al. (2016). She analyzed women’s language features in Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf. The feature of lexical hedges or filler is dominant 89 times because of uncertainty and lacking confidence on the part of the women in their conversation. According to Lakof (1975), women use hedging or filling as a linguistic feature to describe women's mistrust feelings or express their lack of confidence.

The researcher has also answered the second research question: the function of language in each feature used by men and women in Aladdin’s movie. First, the

researcher found twenty-four times referential function and then in the phatic function found two times, while a metalingual function, the researcher found twenty-one times. Then the researcher also found thirteen times conative function and twenty-two times appears for emotion function. After that, the researcher did find poetic function.

The function of the language used by the male and female characters is found in 22 utterances of emotive function. Emotive function based on Jakobson (1960) It's the addresser focusing. This feature refers to somebody's feelings or emotions—moreover, 21 utterances of metalingual function. According to Jakobson (1960), It can be detected through a metalingual feature if communications participants wish to verify if they are doing or not the same code. After that, the researcher found 24 utterances referential function. Jakobson (1960) mentions that this function is used to refer to something. Next, the researcher found 13 utterances of conative function. The conative function based on Jakobson (1960) is used to order the recipients to fulfill something. And last 2 utterances phatic function. Jakobson (1960) claimed that phatic functions are used for communicating or establishing for contacting participants before reading or delivering a message. The researcher does not find poetic functions.

The researcher observed that five language functions were based on the above results uttered by Aladdin (2019). Those functions are emotive function, referential function, conative function, phatic function, and metalingual function. It is in line with Oktapiani, Natsir, Setyowati's analysis (2017). In the comedy-romantic series, they found three language functions used by female characters.

These are expressive/emotive, directive, and metalingual functions. These functions are expressive. She has also identified the function of the main female character language in an animated video, in line with the previous study conducted by Subyantari (2018). She discovered the following five features: referential, emotional, conative, phatic, and metalingual.

This section includes this research's contributions to men's and women's language features and language function. This study can help better understand the message of what men and women deliver prevent misunderstandings. The features of men's and women's language differ in particular manners; different language features may also bring about other functions. Knowing how language functions in communication is essential in a sense that meaning in touch; when we study language function, we can understand its meaning. Jakobson (1960) mentions that the referential function has oriented toward the context. And then the emotive function has toward the addresser, especially in Aladdin's 2019 movie. The researcher also hopes this study will give many benefits and give the readers a better understanding of language features.

The present study, to some extent, has contributed to the body of knowledge of men's and women's language features in the sense that the use of male and female language features varies in each study conducted. One of the things that affect is how the characteristics of men and women in each object used. For example, this movie dedicates unique characters to the leading players, such as Jasmine, who plays the sultan's son, but he shows a character that is the opposite of how a process should behave. Princess Jasmine acts like a man who is very

brave and has a spirit of leadership. The results of this study indicate that the most common feature of women's language is rising intonation. The most critical finding is that men's and women's language features also affect the language function used by the film Aladdin 2019 characters. The function of language can show how characters express something in communication.

From the discussion above, several topics may be necessary for further research, especially those related to male and female language features, such as comparing data from the 1992 animated cartoon Aladdin and the actual action film Aladdin 2019 whether using features male language only because there is still little to discuss the male language features. However, several suggestions can be extracted or analyzed using the same object but with different discussions, such as investigating politeness strategies related to gender.

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