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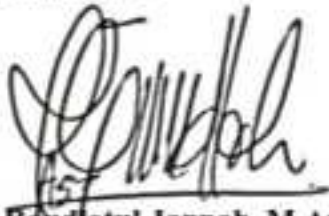
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available written information on signs in certain areas (Gorter & Cenoz, 2007). As explained before, written information could be found on shop windows, commercial signs, posters, official notices, etc. It is used in a different area, territory, city, region, or maybe province. Thus, LL serves as information about the linguistic characteristics and the language of the particular geographical territory as the language identity. That is the reason why linguistic landscape analysis is valuable nowadays.

From the previous explanation, it can be known that LL has become a useful tool to be used to analyze linguistic characteristics and other aspects in society such as ethnicity, culture, etc. The researcher also concludes that the purpose of LL is to discover many languages within society and the effect of society on language. Therefore, it gives contribution to constructing a sociolinguistic context in an area. The statement is also supported by Gorter and Cenoz (2006) that the linguistic landscape always contributes to the construction of the sociolinguistic context. People process the information on the signs that come to them, and it could influence their perception of the status of the different languages, even affect their linguistic behavior. For instance, people in Indonesia prefer to use English rather than Indonesian or local language words on shop signs, and it is a globalization of English effect. In this regard, that linguistic landscape has an interrelationship with language, which defined a particular language's powerfulness and powerlessness ideology in an area.

The linguistic landscape in the central business areas has always been an exciting topic for analysis. It can offer information about the different languages

used in that area and reveal some issues about the language policy, status, role, and identity. The linguistic landscape in the central business area always uses economic considerations because customers, tourists, workers, residents, and homeless people observe the signs, whether they read the signs or just see the signs. The language used in a business area must be attractive and creative, even in the signboard materials. In addition, the use of language in the central business district is more diverse and prominent than in other places. It is because the development of globalization in a business area always increases faster than anywhere else. Therefore, the researcher used the linguistic landscape study to reveal the variety of languages used and determine the characteristics of signs in business center area. So that, the linguistic landscape in the business center could explain the language situation, identity, and background of a phenomenon through the signs in an area.

In conducting this present study, the researcher served in some related studies. Prayitno (2015) examined the linguistic landscape and use of English in Surabaya clothing stores. She discussed the use of language and the loanwords in clothing stores, Pasar Grosir Surabaya (PGS) and Pasar Atum Mall. This study also found a correlation between the language used and target consumers, with different target markets. The result showed that monolingual English signs were found in Atum mall, where most buyers were upper-middle class. Meanwhile, Indonesian signs were dominant in PGS, where most buyers came from the middle-lower class. Unfortunately, she only focused on clothing stores in English. At the same time, many languages from other stores, not only clothing stores,

could be found. Furthermore, the researcher correlated to social class customers but did not explain why the buyers came from particular ethnic and social classes. Oktaviani (2019) examined the linguistic landscape in Gresik Kota Baru. She focused on the language displayed on shop names, the visitor's language attitude, and why choosing a particular language. As a result, she showed there are seven languages found in GKB. From the data 214 signs, Indonesian is the most used language in GKB. Although Indonesian shop names are the most dominant language, it turns out that people have more positive attitudes toward shop names written in English. The main reason people choose a particular language is to follow the trends.

Ramadani (2018) analyzed the lingua franca in the linguistic landscape of Gresik Kota Baru (GKB). She observed restaurant names include the slogans in three main streets in GKB. The study examined the most language used and its role as the lingua franca in the linguistic landscapes of GKB. Although English plays as the lingua franca in the business center, the result shows that Indonesia acquires the highest number of occurrences in restaurant names of GKB.

Unfortunately, the researcher just listed the restaurant names without giving the picture, so the explanation is unclear.

From all those previous studies, the researcher concludes that there is still some incompleteness in their research, such as weaknesses in limited data and reporting the results as in Prayitno (2016) and Ramadhani (2018). Furthermore, by looking at these studies, this study was conducted in the Bandung business center areas, which means it has different geographical and historical locations.

Hence, this present study analyzed the language used and the characteristics of signs in the Bandung business center to get new knowledge from the result of the study. The researcher took the data from shop signs on five roads: Setiabudhi, Cihampelas, Dago, Riau, and Sultan Agung. This study gives a significant explanation of the linguistic landscape in the business center area of Bandung and the history of every road.

The researcher chose Bandung business center because Bandung is a metropolitan city in West Java, where many investors and entrepreneurs see a chance to build a business. Moreover, Bandung is one of the largest fashion industries in Indonesia. The researcher selects five famous areas in Bandung as the business center, namely: Setiabudhi, Cihampelas, Dago, Riau, and Sultan Agung. Each of these areas has its own characteristics. First, Setiabudhi is the main road that connects tourist destinations and educational areas. Second, Cihampelas is a jeans center and shopping center. Dago is famous for its factory outlet, café, and hotel. Fourth, Riau is an area that is famous for its factory outlets with the Dutch architectural style. Last, Sultan Agung is an area that is famous for distro (Distribution Outlet) with youth style, design, and concept. That is why the researcher was interested in conducting the present study in Bandung.

Besides, the researcher was interested in analyzing the shop signs on five roads because those have their own characteristics in the business sector. This makes the researcher curious about how the BBC areas provide the shop signs to help multilingual and multicultural society. The researcher can also indicate the language development in Bandung, especially in the business sector, and how it

LL performs several functions: informative, symbolic, cultural, historical, educational, social, etc. The informative function is viewed as providing information of the linguistic diversity of a specified area and the level of the area involvement in globalization processes. The symbolic function is connected with the status of language, the demographic and institutional power of ethnic group. Landry and Bourhis (1997, p. 24) also stated the depiction of linguistic landscape has two functions, namely, information function and symbolic function. The information function of the linguistic landscape serves as a distinct marker of the geographical areas inhabited by a given language community. Thus, the linguistic landscape informs about the people living in the territory and the language. The Use of the same language or even its variety in a LL of the certain territory allows observing language differences of the adjacent territories of two similar language communities. Therefore, LL informs both the members of the dominant language communities living in the area and the people from other language community about the linguistic features, territorial limits, and language boundaries within certain areas. Backhaus (2007) also shows that in some cases the presence of other languages in the area only shows that sign makers try to attract readers with a language that is considered more prestigious than the mother tongue.

Additionally, some signs may be spelled to remind or convey another language but are meant to be understood by monolingual speakers. The most common example of this is in the shopping center or restaurant Chinese using Indonesia language letter is spelled resemble Chinese symbol. Also, the information function of the linguistic landscape in a shopping center could be

guided for the visitor to buy what they need, like the name of the shops, the products, or the direction. Meanwhile, the symbolic function refers to the value and status of the language as perceived by the members of a group language by comparison to other languages. It means including language policy, language discrimination, cultural relations, group identity, and power relations. The study of LL also shows evidence of the presence and roles of different language throughout history.

2.2 Sign

A *sign* is a meaningful unit that is shown to represent something else. According to Backhaus (2006, p. 4), the noun “sign” refers to (a). Displaying an event, an action, a fact that demonstrates something exists; (b). Information or warning a notice on public display that provides information or warning; (c). A movement or sound that makes someone say something; (d). Symbols or a mark used to represent something, especially in mathematics. The first two definitions (a) and (b) are relevant to the present study because a sign is defined as an object or quality that indicates something else or provides information or warning about something.

Semiotics is the study of signs and symbols, especially the relations between written and spoken signs. Backhaus (2006, p. 4) states that “sign” refers to any meaningful unit that is not the sign itself to the interpreter of the sign. It is related to point (a) that signs are defined as something that indicates something

else. The world is full of signs. Human society tends to understand and interpret everything that is happening around us by interpreting the physical signs.

The relevant definition to the present study is the sign as an inscription on a particular surface designed for a specific purpose and non-specific readers. Backhaus (2006, p. 5) states that the type of sign is utilized to spread the message of general public interest, such as topographic information, directions, warnings, and others. Moreover, public signs appear in a commercial context as marketing and advertising to draw attention to a business or a product. According to Backhaus (2007, p. 66), signs are written text, including the small handwritten sticker attached to a lamp-post to giant commercial billboards or store boards. Advertising billboards, street names, commercial shop signs can also be considered signs since they form a physical word in written language. For example, the company's name or the store attached to the building can be understood as something other than the sign itself. Therefore, the sign represents the company or the store as a whole. Backhaus (2006, p. 5) states, "The public sign is a signifier that relates to specific signified, such as a company, a product, a place, or another concept."

Public signs also appear in commercial contexts like advertising, promoting, and marketing. A commercial context is used to draw interest and attention to a business or product. The public sign is related to public spaces such as malls, schools, offices, public facilities, manufactured products, etc. There are significant differences in linguistic landscape studies regarding the kinds of signs. According to Landry and Bourhis (1997, p. 26-27), signs are divided into two,

namely, public signs and personal signs. It is usually called top-down and bottom-up. A top-down sign is intended to official sign produced by public authorities like government, municipalities, or public agencies that reflect the policies of certain languages, such as public sites, public announcements, road signs, street names, or names of buildings. While, the bottom-up sign is a personal sign such as signs in stores that follow trends but might still influence language policy and made by individuals, communities, or organizations.

The categorization of signs is becoming more comprehensive because much research has a different perspective on it. The different analysts have categorized the signs into different taxonomies. Gorter (2006), distinguishing elements in the signs taxonomy include "how language displays on the sign, the location on the sign, the size of the font used, the number of languages on the sign, the order of languages on multilingual signs, the relative importance of languages, whether a text has been translated (fully or partially), and so on." So, the categorization of signs is not only about the kinds of signs (top-down and bottom-up) but can be seen in terms of sign language taxonomy.

Spolsky and Cooper (1991) additionally classify the signs into various criteria to build the sign languages taxonomies, and they are; a). The signs taxonomies are dependent on the function and the signs such as street signs, advertising signs, warning notices, building names, signs labeling objects, or commemoratives plaque, b). The sign's taxonomies are based on the materials utilized within the signs or on the signs' physical shape such as snippet, metal, tile, wood, or stone, c). The sign's taxonomies depend on the language used and the

Bilingualism and multilingualism are not recent phenomena. The positive effect of multilingualism is the creation of various types of languages that others can learn. However, an adverse effect of gratuitousness is contradictory to nationalism because if someone has mastered a foreign language, maybe the national language will be forgotten. There are some factor has contributed to the current visibility of multilingual. According to Aronin and Singleton (2008), geography is one of the factors of multilingualism because multilingualism is not limited to particular languages, specific areas, or trade routes. In society, multilingualism is no longer related to specific social strata, professions, and sociocultural activities.

2.6 Bandung Business Center Areas

The central business district is identified as the city center. However, many cities with a long history have a central business district far from the city center and even have several central business districts in one city. The business center can also be said as a commercial center. In big cities, it may also be a financial area because of large-scale financial transaction activities. In this study, the central business district is a commercial area located in several areas within a city and has functioned as a center for trade and work activities.

Bandung has recently emerged as one of Indonesia's most appealing cities, with an increased number of entrepreneurs and businesses. *Bandung* is an attractive destination city that offers innovative investment, expansion, and numerous benefits and opportunities. The city is also considered an innovative

and creative fashion industry. UNESCO designed it as part of a network of creative cities. These factors formed the initial foundation of the innovative and creative city of Bandung, providing new perspectives for entrepreneurs. The rapid growth of the economy, infrastructure, and nature made this city the most fantastic tourist destination. The cold climate always surrounds the city because it has a higher ground. Tourists prefer to take in stunning scenery. Furthermore, authentic Dutch colonial architecture, attractive culinary options, fashion boutiques, new hotels are reinventing tourism and creative industries in Bandung.

The creative industry sub-sector has always been a pillar of Bandung's creative economic growth. The fashion, design, technology, and culinary industries are just a few examples of business opportunities in the creative industry sector. These business opportunities, there are some places stand out: Sultan Agung Tirtayasa, Cihampelas, Dago, Riau, and Setiabudhi. Each of these areas has its own characteristics and history.

- a. Sultan Agung Tirtayasa is located in Bandung's Wetan District. Sultan Agung is well-known as a distribution outlet center. It is not a complete visit to Bandung without shopping at the cloth distribution center, especially for young people who want to look fashionable. The road is lined with outlets, cafes, and restaurants that were once ordinary houses turned into outlets with the atmosphere of large trees along the sidewalk. Each store has its own style and characteristics, as well as innovative designs and models. Moreover, Sultan Agung is primarily visited by

young people for shopping or just sightseeing. Every weekend or during holidays, it is always crowded.

- b. Cihampelas is located in the northern part of Bandung. Cihampelas is derived from the combination of two words: Ci and Hampelas. In Sundanese, the word Ci means "water." The word Hampelas was originally the name of a typical tree with rough leaves that resembled sandpaper and may have been used by the community to rub or smooth iron and wood objects. This area is known as the "center of jeans" because it has so many denim fashion shops. Cihampelas Walk is a well-known shopping center with a unique atmosphere. Teras Cihampelas, a new destination on Cihampelas Walk, has opened, and the shops in Cihampelas are distinctive. Along the street, many stalls are selling local food, souvenirs, etc. The Cihampelas area is usually crowded with foreigners or local tourists, busy every day and especially on weekends.
- c. According to website, (Jabarprov.go.id) which was accessed on November 20th 2020, Dago is an area in the northern part of the city of Bandung, precisely above Jalan Ir. H. Juanda and its surroundings. The northern Dago area has many Dutch villas and a wider highway with tall trees lining the streets. Many new business developments in recent years have provided stunning scenery. Dago is also known as one of the iconic areas in Bandung. This area is convenient for pedestrians because it has a public road with a decent pedestrian walkway under a row of trees and many restaurants, open-air cafes, factory outlets, and hotels. Behind the stunning

area, Dago has a harrowing past. During the Dutch colonial era, the Dago area was rife with robbers, so when residents of northern Bandung wanted to trade and shop in the city center, they would meet at a crossroads.

Because of the story, the term Dago, when translated into English, means "waiting." On weekends, this area is usually crowded with a mix of young people, foreign and domestic tourists.

- d. Riau is known as an area in the northern part of the city of Bandung. In the past, a group of European elites used Riau as a base of operations. There was once a British consulate in Riau and several Dutch heritage parks, such as Taman Pramuka. However, at this point, the Taman Pramuka was renamed Persib Park. Residential land near the government center began to be converted into commercial buildings over time. Riau Street is famous for its old Dutch buildings that have been used as trading buildings as a side effect of its Dutch colonial history. The Riau area has developed into a fashion and culinary hotspot, complete with typical Dutch colonial architecture. This area is always crowded on weekdays, and on weekends, it is crowded with both foreign and domestic tourists.
- e. Setiabudi is known as an area in the northern part of the city of Bandung. This street is a strategic route because it connects Bandung to the districts of Lembang and Subang. The city's northern parts are important in terms of both economic and transportation access for residents' daily lives. Furthermore, Setiabudi Road was the primary stopover road for tourists looking to taste culinary delights. Setiabudi has a wide variety of culinary

Table 4.2 Business Types in BBC areas

Business Types	Total
Café	20
Restaurant	50
Outlet/Clothing Shop	57
Coffee Shop	11
Snack or Drink Shop	25
Bakery & Pastry Shop	6
Textile	4
Herb Shop	2
Pet Shop	1
Hotel	5
Services	5
Dolls & Toys Stor The	3
Stationary	1
Furniture	1
Total	191

According to the table above, the majority of business categories in BBC areas are specialized in culinary and fashion. According to the research, restaurants and factory outlets have the highest percentage, accounting for around 90% of the fashion and culinary businesses and 10% of other businesses. From the data, the results revealed that Bandung is a culinary and fashion center in Indonesia. The history stated that Bandung was called Paris Van Java during the Dutch colonial era, which has the same meaning as Paris image or Fashion center. At the time, the Dutch colonial hoped the term would help their business in Bandung. Furthermore, the nickname is utilized to promote business and tourism in the city. As a result, the term is still utilized by society and its surroundings today. None of this is unexpected, knowing this history that BBC areas are dominated by culinary and fashion businesses.

As to the types of business that spread across BBC areas, the language used on a sign is significant since it may impact the business itself. For example,

English is the most commonly used language on signs, particularly in clothing stores and cafés. It has been claimed several times that the English term is chosen because it represents modernity. As a result, numerous clothing stores or outlets use English to create a global image. Furthermore, Indonesian was often used in food stalls or traditional cuisine of Indonesia. Indonesian is the official language, so it is easily understood. It can quickly receive information on the sign at the food stall or restaurant, such as food menus, food products, etc.

Furthermore, the researchers discovered several types of certain language writing, one of which was Indonesian. There are two types of Indonesian writing: the old Indonesian spelling system and the enhanced spelling system. The shop generally uses the ancient Indonesian spelling system sells Indonesian foods, such as “Bakso Boedjangan, Waroeng Ndeso, Waroeng Akang, and Waroeng Soerabi.” The use of the old Indonesian spelling system on shop signs is intended to convey an old-school ambiance. The concept is frequently blended with the exterior and interior design of the store. “Bakso Boedjangan” is a restaurant that sells various kinds of meatballs. The application of writing the word “Boedjangan” represents an old-school-style restaurant design with a dominant color of brown. The shops that use other foreign languages are mostly used in cafés, coffee shops, Asian restaurants, or foreign products. For example, English was frequently utilized for international corporations such as Nike, Adidas, Polo Ralph Lauren, or foreign restaurants such as Richeese Factory, KFC, and others. Foreign corporations influence the local businesses in the BBC areas, such as the marketing, branding, concept, or even language they employ in their shops. Furthermore, a few local

store identity. Sultan Agung and Cihampelas areas have the highest number of monolingual signs with a slight difference in numbers. The high number of monolingual signs in the two areas is because the area is always populated by people from many areas searching for clothes or souvenirs. Therefore the monolingual shop sign may be understood as reflecting the existence of a dominant group in the area. The Setiabudi area has the most bilingual shop signs compared to other areas. This is because this area provides a route to the destination area and the presence of several colleges, dormitories, and schools. So, people are becoming more aware of the presence of minor communities. The table below illustrates the detailed information about the languages used in each area.

Table 4.4 Language Used in Bandung Business Center Areas

Languages	Location					Total
	Setiabudhi	Cihampelas	Dago	Riau	Sutan Agung	
Indonesian	15 (34%)	15 (23.8%)	8 (18.6%)	8 (22%)	13 (19%)	59
Javanese	-	1 (1.5%)	-	-	1 (1.5%)	2
Sundanese	-	1 (1.5%)	-	-	-	1
English	12 (27%)	30 (47.6%)	19 (44%)	18 (50%)	35 (53%)	114
Chinese	-	-	-	-	1 (1.5%)	1
Japanese	1 (2.3%)	2 (3.1%)	2 (4.6%)	2 (5.5%)	1 (1.5%)	8
Thailand	1 (2.3%)	-	-	-	-	1
Italian	-	-	-	-	1 (1.5%)	1
Dutch	-	-	1 (2.3%)	2 (5.5%)	-	3
Arabic	-	1 (1.5%)	-	-	-	1
Indonesian-Sundanese	3 (6.8%)	1 (1.5%)	2 (4.6%)	1 (2.8%)	2 (3%)	9
Indonesian-Javanese	2 (4.5%)	1 (1.5%)	-	-	-	3
Indonesian-Balinese	1 (2.3%)	-	-	-	-	1
Indonesian-Minangnese	1 (2.3%)	2 (3.1%)	-	-	-	3
Indonesian-Japanese	-	1 (1.5%)	-	-	1 (1.5%)	2
Indonesian-Spanish	1 (2.3%)	-	-	-	1 (1.5%)	2
Indonesian-English	3 (6.8%)	7 (11.2%)	6 (14%)	-	4 (6%)	20
English-Korean	1 (2.3%)	-	-	-	1 (1.5%)	2
English-Chinese	2 (4.5%)	-	1 (2.3%)	-	-	3
English-Japanese	-	1 (1.5%)	2 (4.6%)	1 (2.8%)	2 (3%)	6
English-Sundanese	-	-	1 (2.3%)	2 (5.5%)	1 (1.5%)	4
English-Arabic	-	-	-	1 (2.8%)	2 (3%)	3
English-Italian	-	-	1 (2.3%)	1 (2.8%)	-	2
Sundanese-Japanese	1 (2.3%)	-	-	-	-	1
Total	44	63	43	36	66	252

Based on the data, various languages are used in BBC areas. The majority of the monolingual shop signs (114 in total) are written in English. Sultan Agung has the most English signs, with around 35 shop signs, followed by Cihampelas, which has 30 shop signs. English is considered a connecting language over other foreign languages so that it is used in each area. Thus, using monolingual English signs can be a simple way to deal with all potential customers. Meanwhile, there are 59 shop signs that use the Indonesian language. According to the research,

Table 4. 5 Language Used in Setiabudhi Area

Setiabudhi				
Total	Groups	Language	Number	Percentage
44	Monolingual	Indonesian	15	34%
		English	12	27%
		Thailand	1	2.3%
		Japanese	1	2.3%
	Bilingual	Indonesia-English	3	6.8%
		Indonesian-Sundanese	3	6.8%
		Indonesian-Javanese	2	4.5%
		Indonesian-Balinese	1	2.3%
		Indonesian-Minangnese	1	2.3%
		Indonesian-Spanish	1	2.3%
		English-Korean	1	2.3%
		English-Chinese	2	4.5%
		Sundanese-Japanese	1	2.3%
		Multilingual	-	-

Table 4.5 reveals that Indonesian is the most often used language in Setiabudhi, representing about 34% of the total. The culinary industry accounts for over half of all shop signs in Indonesian. This is related to the fact that the Setiabudhi area is close to tourism, and the shop owner wants to introduce Indonesian cuisine by using our national language.

**Figure 4. 1 Monolingual Sign in Indonesian**

Table 4.5 reveals that Indonesian is the most often used language in Setiabudhi, representing about 34% of the total. The culinary industry accounts for over half of all shop signs in Indonesian. This is related to the fact that the

Setiabudhi area is close to tourism, and the shop owner wants to introduce Indonesian cuisine by using our national language. For the example (see figure 4.1), the shop sign uses Indonesian to represent their shop because the owner sells authentic food from Bandung. Moreover, the owner uses the old Indonesian spelling system, such as "Waroeng Soerabi," as the shop names. Soerabi is a traditional pancake made from rice flour, coconut milk, and yeast. So, the shop owner indirectly informs us about Indonesia's traditional food by using the old Indonesian spelling system to attract the consumer. In contrast, English is widely used by foreign companies or restaurants, around 27%. English is representative of modernism and globalism, so foreign companies or restaurants prefer to use English than another language. On the other hand, Other languages such as Thailand and Japanese also contribute to the multilingual society in Setiabudhi.

Furthermore, bilingual shop signs were quietly diverse. Indonesian-English and Indonesian-Sundanese are common combination languages that are frequently used in Setiabudhi. Many local languages are combined with Indonesian and English. It is a good combination because it portrays a multiethnic business environment. Shop signs that use the local languages can indicate the presence of an ethnic community in the area. In the data, Sundanese and Javanese are the most often used on shop signs in Setiabudhi. Sundanese is the mother tongue for some people who were born in Bandung. So, it was considered that shop owners used Sundanese in their business.

Table 4.6 Language Used in Cihampelas Area

Cihampelas					
Total	Groups	Language	Number	Percentage	
63	Monolingual	Indonesian	15	23.8%	
		English	30	47.6%	
		Javanese	1	1.5%	
		Arabic	1	1.5%	
		Japanese	2	3.1%	
		Sundanese	1	1.5%	
		Bilingual	Indonesian-English	7	11.2%
		Indonesian-Sundanese	1	1.5%	
		Indonesian-Minangnese	2	3.1%	
		English-Japanese	1	1.5%	
		Indonesian-Javanese	1	1.5%	
		Indonesian-Japanese	1	1.5%	
		Multilingual	-	-	-

From the data above, it is clear that most languages are written in English, about 47.6%. In contrast, Indonesian shop signs have 23.8%. Some culinary businesses use Indonesian for their shop signboards because many people easily understand Indonesian. However, English shop signs most dominant in Cihampelas. It related to the fact that Cihampelas is a shopping center and jeans production center. In general, English is the most prominent language in the fashion industry. It can happen because the status of the English language is seen as more fashionable and modern. For example, shop owners use English as a shop name or additional information to make it look modern (see Figure 4.3). In the shop sign clearly describes the global image. "Hype Store" reflects that the goods available are very up to date.

Table 4.8 Language Used in Riau Area

Total	Groups	Riau		
		Language	Number	Percentage
36	Monolingual	Indonesian	8	22%
		English	18	50%
		Japanese	2	5.5%
		Dutch	2	5.5%
	Bilingual	Indonesian-Sundanese	1	2.8%
		English-Italian	1	2.8%
		English-Japanese	1	2.8%
		English-Arabic	1	2.8%
		English-Sundanese	2	5.5%
	Multilingual	-	-	-

The table above reveals that monolingual signs, especially those written in English, are quite prominent. Of the 36 signs examined, 18 shop signs were written in English, followed by Indonesian 8 signs and other languages. English has an important role in the business sector. However, some languages have emotional ties to the history that existed in the region. For example, because the history of Dutch colonization is strong in Bandung, many historical buildings have been converted into restaurants, hotels, or retail outlets. Dakken is a European restaurant with colonial-style architecture and vintage Dutch interior decorations. Moreover, Dakken has a middle-upper class market because most of the menus offered are generally European, and the prices are pretty expensive (see Figure 4.8). It clearly illustrates the relationship between language and history in the area. The researcher provides an example of a monolingual sign as below.

As seen the table 4.7, English is a frequent language that appears on shop signs, about 53%, followed by Indonesian 19%. The other monolingual groups like Javanese, Japanese, Chinese, and Italian are about 1.5%. Sultan Agung is a distribution clothing center where the teenagers are constantly hanging together in this area. Thus, many languages used on shop signs in Sultan Agung are primarily written in English. English is the preferred language of cloth shops, cafés, and restaurants, while hotels, professional services, and other businesses display an equal proportion of Indonesian, English, and other languages. Sultan Agung has a unique atmosphere. There is a lot of clothing center along the street. Young entrepreneurs designed many clothing stores, so they have always created something new for their shop brands. For example (see Figure 4.10), Bloods is a clothing independent that provides men's fashion such as t-shirts, shirts, jackets, and other fashion accessories. Currently, Bloods has 11 concept stores in several big cities on the island of Java. The use of English on the shop sign reflects a global image and the exclusivity of a store that is needed to increase consumer interest.

Furthermore, shop signs in Indonesian are more informative than in English. Some shop signs in English only display the name of the store without including the store information. Although people are more interested in English than Indonesian shop signs, they don't really understand the store as a whole, such as the products the store sells. Meanwhile, signs that use monolingual signs such as Japanese, Javanese, Italian, and Chinese are even fewer. Shop owners use the language to mark their identity, thereby attracting customers from the same group.

Table 4.13 Amount of the Information on the Sign

Languages	Number of Sign
Indonesian	6
English	4
Arabic	1
Korean	1
Total	15

The results show that Indonesian is frequently used to provide more information than others, followed by English. The researcher could state that bilingual shop signs in Setiabudhi have more information than other languages when one language puts more words than other languages. The following is an example that Indonesian provides more information than others.

**Figure 4. 15 Amount of Information in Indonesian**

The sign above uses two languages, Indonesian and English. As we have seen from the example, the sign presents the restaurants' menu, English is used to define the shop itself. At the same time, Indonesian gives information about the shop in more detail. Some of the shop signs in Setiabudi provide more information about the products and services and show the restaurants' menu. More

information on signs is essential because before people visit the shop, they would actually read the description on the sign. If there is no further information on the sign, people may be confused or presumptive about the shop.

4.1.2.2 Cihampelas

The second area, Cihampelas, is known as a shopping center and jeans center. *Teras Cihampelas* is a popular tourist spot in Cihampelas. So, many people visit from various regions. The table below depicts the sign characteristics in Cihampelas.

4.1.2.2.1 The First Language on Bilingual Sign

This area only has 13 bilingual signs. There are seven languages used as the first language comes up in the sign. Based on the data, many languages are considered by the shop owners to use on their shop signs. The Indonesian words are considered by many shop owner, it can be seen in the data about 75%. It may be the shop owner preferred use Indonesian words on their shop sign because the vast majority of visitors or tourists in that area are Indonesian people. However, the variation of languages in Cihampelas area are indicates the existence of a multiethnic society. The first language on signs is illustrated in the table.

Table 4.14 First Language on Bilingual Sign

Languages	Number of Signs	Percentages
Indonesian	9	75%
English	1	8.3%
Javanese	1	8.3%
Sundanese	1	8.3%
Minangnese	1	8.3%
Total	13	100%

From the table above, it can be seen that Indonesian is more prominent than other languages. However, the diversity of languages used in the sign as the first word represents the multilingual community in Cihampelas. It means that some shop owners consider choosing another language for their shop boards. This region has more language options than any other region on the BBC. Therefore this area can provide a new perspective to the community and help visitors in the area. The following sign uses Indonesian as the first language.

**Figure 4. 16 Indonesian Word as First Language on Sign**

Figure 4.16 above shows that the shop used Indonesian words as the first language for its sign. It means the Indonesian word is more prominent than

Table 4. 19 Size of Text on Bilingual Sign

Languages	Number of Signs
Indonesian	3
English	2
Italian	1
Sundanese	2
Japanese	1
Same in all languages	4
Total	13

The data depicts the variation of languages that use larger text on the shop signs. Indonesian words are preferred as the first language on the signs. However, the shop owners also considered using other languages as the first words on the signs. The larger size is typically the way to make a certain language more prominent compared to other languages. The prominent name can be seen as the primary name in shop signs, while other texts are additional or supplementary in function. The similar text size conveys a symbolic meaning that the sign emphasized two languages equally.

**Figure 4. 22 Sundanese Word is Bigger than English**

Table 4. 23 Size of Text on Bilingual Sign

Languages	Number of Signs
English	1
Japanese	1
Sundanese	1
Same Size in all languages	3
Total	6

The data reveals that there are only three languages that use larger text than others. The language used in Riau shows that business owners are interested in languages other than Indonesian in writing a large text on the sign. According to this data, most shop signs use the same text size for the language they use. Shop owners typically use larger words on signs to make it easier for customers to see their shop. People cannot read the information on the signs clearly if the words are too small. The example of the sign presented below.

**Figure 4. 25 English Word is Bigger than Sundanese**

From the example, the word "Queen" is larger than the rest of the text. The word "Queen" is the name of the shop. It means that the business owner wants to emphasize the name of his shop. So, when people see this sign, they will immediately remember the shop. That is one method of marketing to get people to

The data above shows that English is often used to convey more information. There are eight signs use English and three signs that use Indonesian. Furthermore, the researcher found a few shops that did not add any text to their shop signs, just the shop name. Some people might be confused about the shop itself. However, it depends on how the shop owner clearly describes his shop through the name. The data above shows that English is often used to convey more information.

4.2 Discussion

The researcher described the findings of the linguistics landscape study in the Bandung business center areas. The researcher fills in the gaps created by Oktaviani's (2019) research of the linguistic landscape in Gresik Kota Baru. She concentrated on the language used in shop names and also the language attitude of GKB visitors. In the results, Indonesian is the most commonly used language on signs, although visitors have a good impression of the sign's English name. The current study examines the linguistic landscape from a different perspective. The points are the language used in BBC areas and the signs' characteristics in BBC areas. According to the data analysis, the researcher found 252 shop signs. There are 191 monolingual signs and 61 bilingual signs. It was distributed into five areas from 252 shop signs: Setiabudhi has 44 total shop signs, Cihampelas has 63 total shop signs, Dago has 43 total shop signs, Riau has 36 total shop signs, and Sultan Agung has 66 total shop signs. The researcher found 14 languages in the BBC area: Indonesian, English, Javanese, Sundanese, Balinese, Minangnese, Italian,

Korean, Arabic, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Thailand, and Dutch. The results analysis of language use in shop signs demonstrates that English and Indonesian are the most prominent in BBC areas. At the same time, Sundanese, Japanese, Javanese, Dutch, Arabic, Italy, Thailand, and Chinese are uncommon at the market places. These linguistic choices in the shop signs may reflect the mass perception of the value of language in social and economic contexts. English and Indonesian play a role in people's lives, while some other languages have a limited impact on society.

The highest percentage of English used in the BBC areas is Sultan Agung and Cihampelas areas, with a slight difference in as many as 35 shop signs and 30 shop signs. Meanwhile, the highest use of Indonesian is in Setiabudhi and Cihampelas areas with the same number of 15 shop signs. Piller (2003, pp. 175-6) stated that English is the most often used language in advertising in non-English-speaking markets, besides the local language. This finding related to Prayitno research (2018) that English had been considered a modern and globalized image for the business. In his research, English was found on monolingual signs at Pasar Atum Mall, which most buyers were upper-middle class. As we know, most of the BBC areas are shopping centers and culinary centers. In business centers, English shop signs are pervasive in monolingual or bilingual signs. It demonstrates that the shop owners are fully aware of the prestige associated with the English language. Since English literacy has spread among all ethnic groups, the English shop signs provide accessible information to potential customers from different language communities. In other words, English shop signs serve universal

advertisement that is delivered to customers. In the era of globalization, English is the modern language, so shop signs may fulfill the symbolic function by keeping the shop owners abreast of the global business trends. These factors may indicate that the enormous majority of shop signs have a space for English signs.

The vitality of other languages depends on the demographic structure in Bandung. Since the Sundanese is the largest community in Bandung, and Sundanese shop owners form the majority in neighborhood centers. Understandably, the shop owners would use their mother tongue as shop signs to attract customers from the same ethnic groups. Additionally, the characters of language written on shop signs have become the language's identity. The shop owners preferred to use particular character letters to demonstrate their culture and identity. For instance, Japanese character letters such as Hiragana, Katakana, and Romaji are generally associated with their culture. It is commonly used in Asian cuisine restaurants or the Asian market, the fact that a particular language letter character on a shop sign always has a connection with what is in it.

The most common language on bilingual signs in the BBC areas is Indonesian-English, which occurs on around 19 shop signs. The majority of bilingual signs in BBC areas combine Indonesian with local or other foreign languages. Setiabudhi is an area with numerous language varieties. There are about nine languages of bilingual sign in Setiabudhi: Indonesian-English, Indonesian-Sundanese, Indonesian-Javanese, Indonesian-Balinese, Indonesian Minangnese, Indonesian-Chinese, Indonesian-Korean, Indonesian-Spanish, and Sundanese-Javanese. The number of local languages paired with Indonesian aims

to make people understand the language and culture of the area. For example, the name of a restaurant for certain regional specialties such as Padang cuisine, Sundanese cuisine, or Balinese snacks always uses ornaments or elements related to cultural beliefs in their respective regions that allow people to know more about these elements than their language. Ramadani (2018) stated that although English is the primary language in business centers, Indonesian can be used as a *lingua franca* because most people use it daily. On the other hand, the variety of local languages in the BBC area prove that people still preserve local languages to create language harmony with the globalization culture in the business industry. The combination of local language and foreign language is an exciting thing in business.

Regarding the second question about the characteristics of bilingual signs based on the research of Cenoz and Gorter, the researcher only found four characteristics in the BBC area. According to the research, each area of the BBC has its distinct characteristics. In general, Indonesian words are the most often used as the first language in bilingual signs. The fact that Indonesian is the official language influences the use of language in the Bandung business center areas. It might be a reflection of the general population or tourists from various parts of Indonesia. Setiabudhi has the highest number in the use of Indonesian as the first words that appear on a bilingual sign, which is as many as 12 signs. Although the Setiabudhi area has the highest Indonesian language usage, the language does not vary significantly. In contrast to the Cihampelas area, the language that often appears first on the shop signs is quite diverse, as many as seven languages. It

consists of Indonesian, Javanese, English, Japanese, Minangnese, and Arabic. In addition, most Indonesian words are displayed in Indonesian cuisine restaurants, food stalls, or snack shops. The languages diversity in Cihampelas implies that many communities want to demonstrate their identity through the shop signs. .

Furthermore, the signs have similar size text and different size text.

Because there is an emphasis on the sign, many cases illustrate that large text generally represents the strength of language in an area. The owner prefers bigger text in a particular language, which may be used to display the primary language on signs. The larger size is typically the way to make a particular language more prominent compared to other languages. Moreover, it is possible to mark out the shop owner code preference. The Sultan Agung area is distinct from other areas. It is because more various languages used large text on the shop signs. The researcher found seven languages that use large text on shop signs in Sultan Agung, contrasted with other areas. Moreover, the similar text size on bilingual signs rarely provides more information on the shop signs. So that, people confused about the shop itself. Similar text size is typically the way to convey a symbolic meaning of the equivalent information in two languages.

The type of font in the BBC area primarily uses the same font in bilingual signs. The different font types were found, such as Latin in Arabic, Hangul in Korean character, Kanji, Romaji, Katakana, and Hiragana in Japanese character, and Indonesian old spelling system. These language characters are commonly used in restaurants, cafes, and bakeries. In other words, using different font types represents the shop itself, which can be seen in figure 4.14, Figure 4.20, figure

4.23, and figure 4.29. The different font types on bilingual signs reveal the identity or culture of particular ethnic groups. Furthermore, different fonts can also be used as marketing and advertising ideas to attract consumers.

The last characteristic is the amount of information in bilingual signs. The most commonly used languages are Indonesian and English. Indonesian and English are used on restaurant menus, product lists, slogans, or explanations for the store. On the other hand, there is a shop sign with no further information for the shop, and when customers notice a store without precise information on its shop sign, they get confused. However, some of the shop signs use this strategy to attract people more curious about the shop.

As previously discussed, the current study reveals some significant findings. In the BBC area, 14 languages are used to provide a multilingual and multicultural society. English is the most frequent language used in monolingual signs. The use of English reflects the business center's modern image. It implies a symbolic function as well as an informative value. From Landry and Bourhis (1997, p. 24), LL serves both symbolic and informational functions. Businesses specializing in products and services associated with modern lifestyles (e.g., clothing stores, cafes, outlets, etc.) capitalize on symbolic values that English displays. In the case of factory outlets or clothes shops are displaying information the price or special offers in English, although most buyer is native speaker of Indonesian. However, Indonesian is a preferred language used on shop signs in bilingual signs and is always paired with local or foreign languages. Because Indonesian is an official language, it can function as a lingua franca in bilingual

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