A STUDY ON THE LANGUAGE USAGE DIFFERENCES SPOKEN BY YOUNG MALES AND FEMALES BASED ON THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN DAILY CONVERSATION

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Language may have direct relationship with gender but language form has a range association which may turn be related to gender. The phenomenon of the differences of language used by young males and females can be seen in our surrounding especially in daily conversation. It is also known from linguistic research that in many societies the speech of men and women are different. The differences are taken from the way of young males and females utter, includes the different topic of conversation, diction and amount of talk. This study focused on spoken rather than written language.

The objective of this research is to describe the different language usage employed by young males and females in their daily conversation and to find out the diction (word choices) and also amount of talk between both of the conversant.

A descriptive qualitative research was used as the design of the study. The subjects of the study were fifteen young males and fifteen young females who use Javanese language who know each other well (in friendship) in the restriction of 18-21 years old at Malang community. The data were obtained through non-participant covertly observation, made field notes and recorded the spontaneous conversation without knowing by the subject. The findings were analyzed based on the related theory and described descriptively.

The result of the study showed that young males and females were talked in different language. It was because they have different topic of conversation. Males tended to talk about sport, doing things, then, females interested in talking about felling and life styles. The diction and amount of talk between both of conversant were also different. There was quite different diction that males and females used in their conversation, those were: the sense of respect to interlocutor (when talking to the older person, females respected to the older more than males), language varieties (males often used impolite words in his talking rather than females), the way they utter (males tended to dominate the talking time, then, females were gentle and powerless). Besides, the amounts of talk between both of them were also different. Male speakers found talk more than female, particularly in public contexts.

Then, it can be justified that the language employed by young males and females are different, it was because young males and females have different communities as they different in their life style; with whom they were interested in, what might motivated them to adopt certain varieties, moreover, they brought up differently and they have different roles in society. Clearly, not all females or all males talk in the same way, and the way people talk also differs considerably in the different context.