

REGISTERS USED BY IKATAN WARIA MALANG (IWAMA)



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Register is sets of vocabulary items associated with discrete occupation or social groups. Usually register used only among the member of certain group such as IWAMA. IWAMA was established on May 17th 1991, with objective to unite all warias in Malang and recently have 38 members.

The main objective of this study is to describe the register used by Ikatan Waria Malang (IWAMA) in their social informal communication among the members.

The design of this study is descriptive qualitative. The subject of this study is IWAMA member as informants. They are chosen by recommendation of the head of IWAMA because they actively use the register among members and their seniority since they joined IWAMA. This study used observation and interview as data collection.

Based on the data analysed, there were 130 registers used by waria in their social informal communication among the members. Most of them were borrowed from Indonesian (noun, adjective and abbreviation) and some of them originally created by waria. There are some factors why waria created their register, the first is that they want their status as waria fully accepted in society. The second is for the waria who has profession as prostitute, they want to cover the bad image of the waria (bisexual) whose profession as a prostitutes, and third is that they want to make exclusive family gathering among members.

From the result above, the writer concluded that there are 130 words or registers found in this research. They borrowed Indonesian words (noun, adjective), some words are formed by modifying Indonesian language. And the others are created by warias, which have special meaning. Mostly, the registers used by IWAMA are similar to Indonesian language but they have different meaning. There are three factors of using register. First they want to show the existence of their identity as waria in society. Second they want to cover some of their members whose profession are as prostitutes (PSK) to keep their reputation in society. The third they want to create exclusive family gathering and friendship among members.