

**A DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS OF REGISTER
USED IN CAVING DIVISION**



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

God the almighty creates human beings very different compared to other creatures. Human beings are social creatures among the others. God blesses an individual with thought and feeling. Meanwhile, being a social creature, an individual always interact with other people. To have this kind of interaction, someone requires a certain kind means communication. Related to this, the most effective tool is language.

Language is the most important tool in the relationship between person to person in a social group, community and society. Kramsach (1983: 3) notes that language is the principal means whereby people conduct their social lives. In everyday life people use language for different purposes. Beside for communication, language is also used for negotiation, introduction and socialization. In other words, communication cannot be separated from language and society.

The correlation between language and society is learnt in sociolinguistics. Wardhaugh (2000: 12) states Sociolinguistics concerns with investigating the relationship between language and society, with the goal of being a better understanding of the structure of language and how language functions in the communication. The definition above can be inferred that language and society is so closely related.

In society, people use many kinds of language varieties that describe the changes in situational factors, such as address, setting and topics. Each occupational group or social or social group has the difference of specific vocabularies associated. Therefore, each group has a different register, for example in caving division of an adventure team.

There are many divisions in the adventure team, such as rock climbing, mountain, rafting and caving. Caving division is a division that focuses on how to explore a cave; it relates with the technique how to enter a cave, and what the equipment necessary for it. The person who active and exist in the caving division is called caver. A caver must be mastering the technique of cave exploration. To exploring a cave, the caver needs equipment to support the exploration and to make it run safely.

The most popular technique among the others is SRT (Single Rope Technique), this technique just uses a rope and usually used in exploring a vertical cave. There are some systems in this technique, they are Texas system, Rope wiker system, Floating cam system, Jummar system, Frog rig system.

There are so many registers used on Frog rig system. Such as: organize, ascender, descender etc. The meaning of those registers may be different between the registers meaning and the real meaning.

e.g. – **Ascender**

The real meaning : a tool for go up something.

The register meaning : the caving equipment made of iron used in hand to climb the cave wall.

- **Descender**

The real meaning : a tool for go down something

The register meaning : the caving equipment made of iron or rope used on body to help the practical entering the vertical cave.

- **Anchor**

The real meaning : heavy piece of metal lowered from a ship into the water in order to stop the ship from moving.

The register meaning : body holder bound in a wall or stone.

- **Climbing**

The real meaning : go up something, especially using your hands and feet.

The register meaning : roaming the cave like climbing a wall.

From some examples above, there is a difference between the real meaning and the register meaning. The register meaning is narrower than the real meaning because the register meaning just refers to the equipment that used to support the caving exploration of caving division. In another caving registers may be the register meaning is broader than the real meaning. Although there are many people who understand the meaning of the registers, they usually do not know the when or how the register used. For that reasons, the writer is interested in doing this research closely related to register in caving division and hopes it can help the readers to find out the solution of their problem in understanding the register.

B. Previous Study

Several researchers have conducted the study of registers. The followings are some of them. The first belongs to Eko Yuniarto's research entitled A Sociolinguistics Analysis of Register Used by A Group Transsexual in Solo (2005). In the research, he focused on how the registers are used, and the forms of the registers.

In similar vein, Budhiono (2001) investigated registers used in National Basket Ball Association (NBA) Games in US of America. In his analysis, he found that generally registers used in the NBA games are in form of word or phrase. This means that each register used in representing one event that happens in either the games or the NBA in general.

The first thing that differentiates this research from the previous researches is the data. Considering the above researchers, it is clear that the registers used in caving divisions have not been yet conducted. Besides, the researcher in this research analyzes the form and the meaning of caving register compare to the real meaning. This topic is interesting to study and useful to enrich the previous research about register. Therefore, there is no need to argue about the originality of this research paper.

C. Research Problem

In order to specify the topic discussed, the writer would like to formulate the problem as follows:

1. What are the forms of caving registers?
2. What are the meanings of caving registers?

D. Limitation of the Study

In spite of so many language variations appear, the researcher only focuses this research on registers used in caving division. In this research, the researcher will present about the form and the meaning of caving registers in comparison to the real meaning.

E. Objective of the Study

In this research, the writer has some objectives to describe as follows:

1. To describe the forms of caving registers.
2. To clarify the meaning of each registers.

F. Benefit of the Study

The writer hopes that his research on caving registers has some benefits to the readers in general. The benefit is divided into two categories, those are:

1. Theoretical Benefit
 - a. Give a clear description about the meaning of each registers used.
 - b. Give some contributions to enlargement of vocabularies to the practical.
 - c. Support the development of the subject dealing with the language acquisitions.
2. Practical Benefit
 - a. Enable the readers to know the registers used on caving division.
 - b. Give a clear explanation about the registers. So that, the readers can uses the registers appropriately.

G. Research Paper Organization

Research paper organization is given in order that the readers could easily understand about the content. The organization of his research paper is follows:

Chapter I is an introduction that consists of the background of the study, objectives of the study, benefit of the study, limitation of the study, and research paper organization.

Chapter II is underlying theory, it covers the notion of the register and approach to analyze real meaning.

Chapter III is research method. It consists of the type of the research, the data source and the technique of the data analysis.

Chapter IV is data analysis. It describes the characteristics of register and the meaning of registers and the discussion.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion.