A SOCIO-PRAGMATICS STUDY OF CONDOLENCE
UTTERANCES TO THE DEATH OF BBC DISCOVERY
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CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

The main function of language is as communication medium. Language allows people to say things to each other and to express their communicative needs. Language is the cement of society, allowing people to live, work, and play together, to tell the truth, but also to tell a lie or lies. In the interaction setting people make use of many kind of language variation. This reflects change in situational process, such as addresses, settings, and topics. They utilize the specific vocabularies to describe the utterances. This interaction causes people to use a certain utterances in which used for specific goal or purposes. Condolence utterance is one of the most various utterances that might be utter to another. Condolence utterances are used to show people’s empathy or sympathy to another people who have certain problem or worries.

When someone condoles, or offers their condolences to a particular situation or person, they are offering active, conscious support of that person or activity. Often, the English language expression "my condolences" will be in a context, such as death of a friend's loved one, in which the one offering condolences is compelled to feel pity towards the unfortunate party. But condolences can also be offered by friends or supporters of circumstances that are legally debatable, such as the justifiability of a domestic abuse victim killing
her/his abusive partner. In this case, some might offer their condolences to the victim, while others might not.

The reason why the writer chooses the topic is that the writer was interested in condolence utterances because it was said based on the speaker’s sadness feeling and this utterance used a very smooth language which is would be given to the others, especially for those who is dead.

B. Previous Study

Nurnaningsih (2005) with his research paper entitled “An Analysis of Address Terms Used in Aristocratic Movie Manuscript (A Sociolinguistics Study)”. She found that the pattern of address term are categorizes based on the estate. The first estate employs Tu and Vous to the second estate and that the second estate usually gives Vous to the first estate. Among the second estate there are the exchange of non reciprocal Tu and Vous Mutual Vous, and also Mutual Tu. The second estate gives Tu to the third estate. On the other hand, the third estate gives Vous to the second estate. The third estate usually gives Mutual Tu to each other. The reason of employing the address terms include showing respect, power, intimacy/solidarity, anger and to insult.

Furthermore, Hasanah (2006) discuss “The Use of Deixis in Gladiator Movie Manuscript”. She found that the forms of deixis are person deixis, place deixis, time deixis, discourse deixis, and social deixis. Person deixis consist of first person, second person and third person which are distinguished into singular and plural person. It is also distinguished based on its function in the
sentence, as subject and object personal pronoun, as subject in possessive pronoun, as object in possessive pronoun, as reflexive in possessive pronoun. She clarified the reference of deixis based on semantic meaning. It refers to lexical meaning and based on pragmatic meaning which refers to the meaning covers in the discourse, such as refers to a first person, second person, third person, proximal distance, distal distance, proceeding portion, present time, past time, future time and social relationship.

While the writer analyzes the intention and the reason of condolence utterances to the death of Steve Irwin by applying socio-pragmatics approach.

C. Problem Statement

Based of the background of the research above, the research problems are formulated as follows:

1. What are the intentions of condolence utterances used to condole the death of Steve Irwin?
2. What are the reasons of using condolence utterances used to condole the death of Steve Irwin?

D. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the research are:

1. To describe the intentions of condolence utterances used to condole the death of Steve Irwin?
2. To determine the reasons of using condolence utterances used to condole the death of Steve Irwin?

E. Limitation of the Study

In the research, the writer limits the analysis on the condolence utterances which used to condole the death of Steve Irwin.

F. Benefit of the Study

1. Academic Benefit

This study will give more understanding to the readers about socio-pragmatic study.

2. Theoretical Benefit

The result of the study can be used as an academic reference by other researcher to conduct further research dealing with Socio-Pragmatic analysis.

G. Paper Organization

Research paper organization is conducted to give a clear guidance in reading and understanding the content of the study. In order to have guidance to the reader in reading the whole content, this research paper is organized as follows:

Chapter I is introduction which consist of background of the study, previous study, problem statement, objective of the study, limitation of the study, benefit of the study, and paper organization.
Chapter II is underlying theory. It covers concept of socio-pragmatics, speech act theory, concept of language variation, SPEAKING formula, and key terms used in movie manuscript.

Chapter III is research method which consists of type of research, object of the study, data and data source, method of collecting data, and technique of analyzing data.

Chapter IV is data analysis and discussion. In this chapter the writer presents the data and data analysis.

Chapter V is conclusion implication and suggestion