

**A REGISTER ANALYSIS USED BY SHIP'S PILOT IN PORT OF
TANJUNG EMAS SEMARANG**



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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Society consists of many groups of profession such as politicians, athletes, ship's pilot etc. There are many interesting things that can be studied from those professions because each profession has special characteristics. One of the characteristics that can be studied from group of professions is the language of which people use when they do their job. The language used in certain professions shows certain vocabulary in which one's expression sometimes cannot be understood by the other community. Everyone will use vocabularies, which are dealt with his world. The usage of language by a group of people marked by the existence of elective vocabularies according to profession groups or selected social group is named as register.

Wardhaugh (1986: 48) states that register are set of vocabulary items associated with discrete occupational or social groups. Register relates to language variation concept because the coming of language variation is very possible by certain factors that influence it. In this case Hymes (1978 : 112) states that the election of register is used not only because there are certain situation that demand register using, but because election of register also takes part on choosing it using situation. This Hyme's concept at least contains two sides of understanding, that are (1) to show of language variation because of certain situation factor influences, and (2) language variation usage eventually

making sure or stating certain situation. From the example above it can be illustrated what situation they have.

Pilotage as one of profession in port that give services when the ships enter or leave, of course has characteristics of language that have not by other language society. Port of Tanjung Emas Semarang as traffic seas place has important role in giving Service Sea. It's also the great port so it's often entered by foreign ships beside local ship. Port of Tanjung Emas Semarang give service namely ship's pilot in order to give instruction to make the ships can dock safely. Ship's pilot are persons who giving pilotage service in the middle of sea, it faraway from pier. So before the ship's pilot came, the ships have no brave to dock by it. Similar with the ship that wants to enter the port, the ships that want to leaves the pier will not brave enough to piloting by him-self before the ship's pilot go up on the ship to help the captain. When doing the piloting, there is communication between ship's pilot and the captain ship. The ship's pilot can't use Indonesian language if the ship come from foreign country. The ship's pilot will use English language as appropriate communication tools. In their activity, ships pilot use some register to help them in communication.

Ship pilot is a person who assumes responsibility for a vessel at a particular place for the purpose of navigating it through a river or channel, or starting at or into a port. The captain of a large ship has total command in the high seas. However, when a ship enters or leaves a port, the captain turn over the navigation to a local pilot. Because of safety and commercial concerns, state and federal maritime law governs the licensing and regulation of pilots.

In their activity, ship's pilot use some register to help them in communication. Bellow is the example of it, which is between ship's pilot and ship's captain:

Ship's pilot : Okay, midships.

Ship's captain : Midships, Sir.

Ship's pilot : Heaving line forward.

Dead slow a head, Capt.

Ship's captain : Dead slow a head.

Ship's pilot : Ya, steady, steady as she goes.

Ship's captain : Steady as she goes, Sir.

The examples above are the register used by ship's pilot by communication tool. In the conversation above there are many register that can not be understood by other community. For example the words 'steady as she goes', in ship's pilot term, it means that the position of ships is constant to hold or not moved. Another word is 'dead slow ahead', the word 'dead' in general means 'no longer living' but in ship pilot context it means 'very' . So, 'dead slow ahead' means 'go forward very slowly'.

From the example above, it is known that there are some unique words used by ship's pilot. It is the reason why the writer analyzes register used by ship's pilot. The writer hopes to make clear the English register of piloting used by the ship's pilot. Based on the phenomenon above the writer is interested in conducting a research which is entitled: **“A REGISTER ANALYSIS USED BY SHIP'S PILOT IN PORT OF TANJUNG EMAS SEMARANG”**

B. Previous Study

The researches on register have been done by some graduated students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta. They have the same topic or subject that is register, but different in field and theory to apply. *Nur Liana Imamah (UMS, 2004) Studies Register Used by Doctors and Nurses in Dr. Sardjito Hospital*. The result of her research is that there are some reasons why the doctors and nurses using register in their communication. The reasons of using register of the doctor and nurse in communication are to make communication more effective, to show the society that they come from educated community, to be more polite, and to hide the real condition of the patients.

In related topic, *Supriyanto (UMS, 2005) Studies Register Used in Military*". The result of his research is shows that the meaning of military register could be categorized into six contexts, they are: register meaning related to place, register meaning related to participant, register meaning related to language, register meaning related to transportation, register meaning related to military unit and register meaning related to equipment.

From the researches, the writer is sure that her research has not been analyzed yet, especially the data used by the writer. Therefore, she is going to analyze the register used by ship's pilot.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the background above, the writer formulates the problems as follows:

1. What are the forms of registers used by ship's pilot?
2. What are the meanings of each register?

D. Objectives of the Study

Based on the formulation of the problems mentioned above, the aims of the research are:

1. To identify the forms of register used by ship's pilot.
2. To clarify the meaning of each register with compare between lexical meaning and contextual meaning.

E. Limitation of the Study

In order to make this research feasible, the writer wants to limit the study of the use of register specified in piloting in Tanjung Emas port Semarang when a ship enters or leaves a port, the register will be analyzed using sociolinguistic perspective.

F. Benefit of the Study

After finishing this research the writer hopes that it has theoretical and practical benefit.

1. Theoretical benefit
 - a. The research gives some contribution to the enlargement of vocabulary to the readers.

- b. The research gives more information about piloting register to the students and the language.
 - c. The research supports the development of the subject dealing with language acquisition for the other studies.
2. Practical benefit
- a. The research enables the writer to know the register in piloting.
 - b. The research gives a clear description about the meaning of each register used in piloting.
 - c. The research can be used as the reference for those who want to conduct further research about the same topic.

G. Paper Organization

To make the description of this research clear and to make the reader understand the content of the research paper, the writer uses the systematic of the study as follows: chapter I, is introduction, this chapter consists of background of the study, previous research, problem statement, objective of the study, limitation of the study and benefit of the study. Chapter II, is underlying theories, involves some theories related to the topic. Chapter III, is research method, covers type of the research, object of research, data and data source, method of collecting data and method of analyzing data. Chapter IV, is analysis and discussion, analyze the register and the meaning of each register. Chapter V presents conclusion and suggestion of the research to make it more clearly.