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### Abstrak

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk (1) menemukan bahasa khas pria dan wanita dalam film *The Fault in Our Stars* dan (2) untuk menemukan alasan pria dan wanita mengekspresikan bahasa dalam *The Fault in Our Stars*. Jenis penelitian ini adalah deskriptif kualitatif. Objek penelitian ini adalah menganalisis gender antara pria dan wanita dalam film *The Fault in Our Stars*. Sumber data dan data adalah semua ucapan yang menunjukkan perbedaan antara pria dan wanita dalam naskah film *The Fault in our Stars*. Data akan dianalisis menggunakan teori bahasa pria yang ditulis oleh Coates (2004), teori bahasa wanita yang ditulis oleh Lakoff (1975), dan bahasa dan gender yang ditulis oleh Deborah Tannen dalam buku *You Just Don't Understand*. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan (1) peneliti menemukan 7 karakterisasi pria dan wanita, yaitu: tag pertanyaan, pertanyaan, respon minimal, pujian, bahasa sumpah atau tabu, lindung nilai dan arahan. Ada 52% karakteristik bahasa wanita dan 48% karakteristik bahasa pria. Persentase karakteristik bahasa wanita ada 8% pertanyaan tag, 8% pertanyaan, respon minimal 8%, pujian 6%, sumpah 6%, lindung nilai 10% dan direktif 6%. Sedangkan persentase karakteristik pria bahasa 6% tag pertanyaan, 6% pertanyaan, 6% respons minimal, 6% pujian, 8% pujian, 8% sumpah, 8% sumpah, 8% lindung nilai, dan 18% arahan. (2) peneliti menemukan bahwa alasan pria dan wanita menggunakan ekspresi bahasa yang khas memiliki kesamaan tetapi juga memiliki perbedaan. Misalnya, wanita menggunakan tag pertanyaan adalah untuk konfirmasi (fasilitatif) tentang sesuatu sementara pria menggunakan tag pertanyaan adalah untuk mengekspresikan ketidakpastian. Wanita menggunakan respons minimal untuk mendengarkan pembicara lain. Sementara pria menggunakan respons minimal adalah menjaga pembicaraan tetap berjalan.

**Kata Kunci:** sosiolinguistik, bahasa wanita, bahasa pria, penelitian kualitatif.

### Abstract

This study aims to (1) to examine the typical language by men and women in movie *The Fault in Our Stars* and (2) to describe the reasons of men and women expression the language in *The Fault in Our Stars*. The types of this research is descriptive qualitative. The object of the study is analyzing gender between men and women in *The Fault in Our Stars* movie. The data and data source are all utterances which is showed the difference between men and women in movie manuscript of *The Fault in our Stars*. The data will be analyzed using men's language theory written by Coates (2004), women's language theory written by Lakoff (1975), and language and gender written by Deborah Tannen in the book *You Just Don't Understand*. The result of this study shows (1) the researcher found 7 characterizing men and women, namely: tag question, question, minimal response, compliment, swearing or taboo language, hedges and directives. There

were 52% characteristic of women language and 48% characteristic of men language. The percentage characteristics of women language there are 8% tag question, 8% question, 8% minimal response, 6% compliment, 6 % swearing, 10% hedges and 6% directive. While the percentage characteristics men language 6% tag question, 6% question, 6% minimal response, 6% compliment, 8% compliment, 8% swearing, 8% swearing, 8% hedges, and 18% directive. (2) the researcher found that the reasons men and women using expression of the typical language have similarity but also have differences. For example, women used a tag question is for confirmation (facilitative) about something while men used a tag question is to express uncertainty. Women use minimal response is to listen to another speaker. While men use the minimal response is to keep the conversation going.

**Keywords:** sociolinguistics, women language, men language, descriptive qualitative.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Language is a communication tool to convey information every day with others. Lakoff (1973: 45) said that language is used as well as we use language. Language has influenced on the choice form of expression which is guided us by the thoughts what we want to express, sometimes we express ourselves through we feel about something. Someone both women and men will speak using different languages depending on the social context.

The study of languages is also very important for the study of gender. According to Cambridge English Dictionary "Gender" is the physical and/or social condition of being male or female. Coates (1986) "Gender" can be interpreted in general is the term used to describe social construction. To study of gender between men and women the first step is to analyze the difference between men and women. It's mean clear that men and women have a lot of differences in many fields. Generally speaking, women have more fat and less muscle physically; women are not as strong as men and usually have a longer life span and they mature more rapidly. Besides some physical reasons, we are aware that social factors may account for some of the differences. Such as, women may live longer than men because of the different roles they play in society and the different jobs they do. Men usually have more pressure than women in life.

This research focuses on men and women language. It is challenging to identify and analyze the language, and it is interesting to study about men and women language because gender are unique, used in wide variety of contexts and situation. The phenomenon which attracts the attention of the researcher of the study about men and women language are the difficulties to analyze which has a lot of meaning depending on the context .

This research contained two problem statements are including: To explain the typical language by men and women in movie *The Fault in Our Stars* and to describe the reasons of men and women expression the language in *The Fault in Our Stars*. This research especially focuses on the theory of men, the theory of women, and the theory of language and gender. The data will be analyzed using men's language theory written by Coates , women's language theory written by Lakoff (1975), and language and gender written by Deborah Tannen in the book *You Just Don't Understand*.

## **2. METHOD**

In this research, the writer applied qualitative research. The writer use qualitative method to identify the differences influence language used by men and women language. The method in this study uses observation and documentation. Observation is the action to gain information by observing something carefully. The researcher uses non-participant observation in the form of utterances expressing which shows the difference between men and women. After using observation, the writer will analyze by using documentation strategies.

The object of the study is analyzing gender between men and women in *The Fault in Our Stars* movie. The data in this research are all utterances which is showed the difference between men and women in movie manuscript of *The Fault in our Stars*. The validity of this research, the writer needs to clarify the data in order to make the research to be valid and reliable. Brink (1993), states that there are some procedures from various fields as essential for producing trustworthy and believable finding in qualitative research. Namely triangulation, multiple

expert consensual validation from others, searching for disconfirming evidence, member checks, checking for representativeness, and thick description.

### 3. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

In this research finding, the researcher describes finding which consist the characteristic men and women language and the reason of men and women language use the expression in the Fault in our Stars movie. The characteristic language of men and women, that can be found in data are tag question, question, minimal response, compliment, swearing, hedges, directives or command.

#### 3.1 Women Language

##### 3.1.1 Minimal Response

- a. Participants : The participants of the conversation are Hazel and Gus.
- b. Context : The situation is Gus asked Hazel if she has five dollars or not. He has a plane to make his friend (Isaac) not sad after he broke with his girlfriend by required five dollars from Hazel. The setting in Gus's basement bedroom and the car.

- c. Data

(GUS'S ROOM)

- 1) Gus : Hazel Grace?
- 2) Hazel : **Hmm?**
- 3) Gus : Do you happen to have five dollars?

(GUS AND ISAAC WAS WAITING HAZEL TO BUY EGG IN THE CAR)

- 4) Hazel : (GIVE THE EGG) **Okay**, so, now what?

- d. Analysis

Hazel's utterance being bold in the data above is the type of women language in using minimal response. The minimal responses are inline 2 and 4 said by Hazel. Hazel responded to Gus after she is called her name by Gus. She replied directly with the utterance "**Hmm?**". It means that she was



listening to Gus. After that, Gus asked her if she has five dollars or not. In line 4 “**Okay**, so, now what?” explained if she would give the money. Actually, she did not know why Gus asked her five dollars. But after she brought the egg, she asked for what he orders to buy an egg.

From the data above the reason of Hazel’s utterance using typical expression of minimal response is to express she was listening to Gus and to keep the conversation going. It can be seen in line 2 and 4.

### 3.2 Men Language

#### 3.2.1 Minimal response

- a. Participants : The participants are Gus and Hazel.
- b. Context : The situation is Gus invited Hazel to watch a movie. The setting is outside of church.
- c. Data
  - 1. Gus : Let's go watch a movie.
  - 2. Hazel : What?
  - 3. Gus : **Hmm?**
  - 4. Hazel : Huh? (laugh) Um... I'm free later this week, we could...
  - 5. Gus : No, I mean now.
- d. Analysis

Gus’s utterance being bold in the data above is the type of men language in using minimal response. Minimal response in line 3 said by Gus. Minimal response in the conversation is “**Hmm?**” after Hazel responded confuse towards Gus’s invitation. Gus wanted to invite Hazel to watch a movie. But she looked like rather hesitant with Gus’s statement. He said “**Hmm?**” to emphasize what was thought of Hazel about his invitation.

From the data above the reason of Gus’s utterances using the typical expression of minimal response to express he wanted to know with Hazel answered. It means that he wanted conversation keep going.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The conclusion was drawn related to the research problem of the study about The Study of Men and Women Language in the Fault in our Stars Movie Manuscript by John Green. Based on the research finding and discussion, the researcher proposes some conclusions as follows:

4.1 The researcher found 7 characterizing men and women, namely: tag question, question, minimal response, compliment, swearing or taboo language, hedges and directives. The percentage characteristics of women language in movie there are 8% tag question, 8% question, 8% minimal response, 6% compliment, 6 % swearing, 10% hedges and 6% directive. The total data can be found in the movie are 26 data or 52%. While the percentage characteristics men language in movie there are 6% tag question, 6% question, 6% minimal response, 6% compliment, 8% compliment, 8% swearing, 8% swearing, 8% hedges, 18% directive. The total data can be found in the movie are 24 data or 48%.

4.2 The reasons men and women using expression of the typical language there are for:

4.2.1 Tag question use to confirmation (facilitative) about something and expressing uncertainty.

4.2.2 Question use by women to introduce a new topic, keep the conversation going, and check to view others participant. Whereas for men use for dig up information. From the analysis, it is known that women use more a question than men

4.2.3 Minimal responses have the similarity for express agreement. But the different reason between men and women is men use the minimal response to keep the conversation going while women use minimal response to listen to another speaker.

4.2.4 Compliments have the similarity to express admiration. But men tend to use compliment to replacing greeting. For example: *how are you?* while women are not.

- 4.2.5 Swearing in the analysis above have the difference reason between men and women. Men tend to use swearing language to express their feeling by using idiomatic swearing. While women tend to express their personal feeling by using emphatic swearing to emphasize something.
- 4.2.6 Hedges have similarity for expressing uncertainty. But the other hand, the different reason men in using minimal response is to express understanding in conversation.
- 4.2.7 Directives have similarity for express requesting and commanding. But the different reason men in using minimal response is to prohibition while women not. From the analysis, it is known that men use more directives than women.

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