Language Features That Used by Man and Woman in "Titanic" Movie

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Abstract

This study is conducted to know the language features that used by main woman and man character in the Titanic movie and also to find out the reason that underlying the differences between man and woman in language when they speak. The data was analyzed with qualitative research especially in the document analysis from dialogue, utterance, clause or word that spoken by Jack and Rose in the Titanic movie script. The findings of this study is the woman and man language feature used vocabulary area especially in the adjective word, using question tag and also used paralinguistic system. Also the reason is about the social status that make their language feature is different.

Key word: sociolinguistics, man and woman language, language feature

Abstrak

Penelitian ini dilakukan untuk mengetahui fitur Bahasa yang digunakan karakter utama perempuan dan laki-laki dalam film Titanic dan juga untuk menemukan alasan yang menggaris bawahi perbedaan antara laki-laki dan perempuan dalam penggunaan Bahasa ketika mereka berbicara. Data dianalisis menggunakan penelitian kualitatif khususnya menggunakan dokumen analisis dari dialog, klausa atau kata yang dibicarakan oleh Jack dan Rose dalam skrip film Titanic. Hasil dari penelitian ini adalah fitur Bahasa yang digunakan oleh laki-laki dan perempuan menggunakan area *vocabulary* khususnya dalam kata sifat, menggunakan *question tag* dan juga menggunakan *paralinguistic systems*. Alasan mengapa penggunaan Bahasa mereka berbeda adalah social status yang berbeda diantara mereka.

Kata kunci: sosiolinguistik, Bahasa laki-laki dan perempuan, fitur bahasa

Introduction

Gender was always interest topics to discuss, although many researchers did this topic to be their research but gender was always being a contravention topic. Holmes (1992: 173) says in Dimitros Thanasoula's Language and Sex (1999: 1), "Women are designated are the role of modelling correct, even in using language to communicate in their daily life. They have to use good language, the true language since their position as the main educators of their children; they have to require standard language. So women are well known of their politeness and refined though they have less inventive and much smaller vocabulary than men. They have fondness for 'hyperbole', favoring adverbs of intensity' like 'awfully pretty' and 'terrible nice' (Jesperson, 1998: 236, in Speer, 2005: 21). Finally, women frequently have gossip matter or waffle about relationship and trivialities. They are also submissive and illogical than men.

Language gender differences has always been complex. Gender differences in language are not only regarded as a linguistic phenomenon but also as a social phenomenon, and become the popular

subject of linguistics and sociolinguistics. According to Jinyu (2014) the linguists from all countries have made a lot of profound significant exploration according to the gender differences of language use phenomenon to explain the cause of gender difference. The gender difference referred in language, is a kind of language phenomenon in the display of society, culture, customs and other considerations of language users.

The statement of the problem in this study are; (1) how are the language features used by main woman character in the movie? (2) how are the language features used by main man character in the movie? And (3) what are the reason caused the differences of language features between man and woman in the movie? The results of the study are expected to give both theoretical and practical significances. Theoretically, it is expected that the results of this research could prove the theory that used in this study. Also this study can be a reference to enrich more knowledge about sociolinguistics especially in gender and language features. Practically, this study could contribute more knowledge about sociolinguistics, especially to the student of English department. This study can be a learning media to teach English course in senior high school or it also can be a learning media to teach sociolinguistics course in college student.

Method

This study used qualitative research design with content analysis approach. Content analysis can be said as a type of research approach in qualitative research that aims to analyze the material. The material may be films, public records, textbook or another document. The source of data in this study taken from Titanic movie. The movie was directed by James Cameron, was released on November 1, 1997. The data of this study was dialogue, utterance, clause or word that spoken by Jack and Rose in the Titanic movie. Procedures of collecting the data are download the movie from internet, searching and download the movie script, watching the movie and also reading the script, collecting the data and the last is coding. To analyzed the data, the researcher used three steps there are reviewing, classifying and analyzing, and also concluding. To check the validation of the data the researcher used trustworthiness of data result.

Result

1. **Language Features used by woman character in movie dialogue "Titanic" movie.**
1) In the area of vocabulary that women use adjective such as adorable, charming, divine, lovely and sweet are also commonly used by women but only very rarely by men. Women are also said that to have their own vocabulary. Based on the data was analyzed by researcher, in this movie was found 12 (twelve) dialog that used the area of vocabulary especially used the adjective word, but this analyzed did not included the repeated each word that speak by the main female character in this movie, Rose. The data that found such as: **cold, absurd, crazy, stupid, idiot, poor and rich, afraid, good, biggest, hard, awkward, wrong and priceless.** Based on the data can be explained that the word that has bold effect, it explained the adjective word. For the example in poor and rich point, in this point showed two adjective words in one dialogue of Rose. In those dialogue spell the 'Poor' and 'Rich' word, that can be seen that in this dialogue Rose explained herself that she is a little poor one, it means here that she is not what looks, she also has another side that she is a poor and a rich girl in a one time. So, it can be concluded that the word 'poor' and 'rich' here included the

adjective word, because this word explains Rose conditions.

2) Next, Women may answer a question with a statement that employs the rising intonation patterns usually associated with making a turn statement. In this part of language features, the data was analyzed by researcher was found one data that contained question tag in the movie dialogue that spoken by main female character in the movie, Rose. This data was not included repeated data. The data that found by researcher analyzed: **Isn't it magnificent**? Based on the data, the bold sentence that is question tag that spoken by the main female character in the movie that is Rose. This interrogative sentences in this conversation can be categorized into question tags, because this interrogative sentence aims to get approval from the opinion of the speaker, that is Rose.

3) Women and men may have paralinguistic system. Based on the theory, the researcher found 21 (twenty-one) data in the movie dialog script that contain paralinguistic system, especially the way to call or addressed someone to others. Here the data that found: **Picasso, Dr. Freud**, **Mr. Ismay, Mr. Dawson, Cal**, **Mr. Lovett**, **Jack, Rose. Rose Dewitt Buckater, Penguin**, **Like Isadora Duncan**, **Mr. Wandering Jack?**, **Mother** and **Jack Dawson, Countess Rothes, John Jacob Astor**, **wifey**, **Madeleine, Sir Cosmo** and **Lucile, Lady Duff-Gordon, Benjamin Guggenheim**, **Madame Aubert, J., J., Madeleine, Mr. Andrews, Fabrizio, Mr. Big Artist, Colonel!**, **Mr. Hockley, Dawson, Rose Dawson.** Based on the data above, it can be seen that the word that have a bold effect that is contained paralinguistic system. For the example in Dr. Freud point, that is contained two paralinguistic systems, there are 'Dr. Freud' and also

'Mr. Ismay', at that point can be concluded that Rose addressed someone by their own name and that is included in the paralinguistic systems.

2. Language Features used by men character in movie dialogue "Titanic" movie.

1) In the area of vocabulary that women use adjectives such as adorable, charming, divine, lovely and sweet are also commonly used by women but only very rarely by men. Women are also said that to have their own vocabulary. Based on the theory, the researcher found 20 (twenty) data in the analysis of movie dialogue script. Such as; **high, luckiest, cold, pretty, beautiful, hot, great, pitiful, little, crazy, bad, hard, deep, stupid, idiot, old, warm, best, lucky, wrong, and strong.** Based on the data can be seen that the bold word in that point that is represent a vocabulary especially in adjective forms. For the example in point high, in that point there is one adjective that is 'high'. 'high' in this dialogue is including in the type of vocabulary, especially in the adjective. High itself has meaning 'Tinggi' used to complete the next word that is 'style'.

2) Next, Women may answer a question with a statement that employs the rising intonation patterns usually associated with making a turn statement. Based on the theory, the researcher found 2 data in this analyzed. Here the data that found: **is he one of them?** And **Isn't great… the use of color?** It can be seen that in the first point, the bold sentence in those dialogue is including in the question tag. Because the sentence is used to make sure the main man character opinion about 'penguin'. So the bold sentence is including in the question tag.

3) Women and men may have paralinguistic system. Based on the theory, the researcher found 10 data in this analyzed.

Such as; **Sven, Olaf, Fabrizio, Fabri, Jack Dawson, Jack, Rose, Penguin, Chippewa Falls Dawsons, My best girl Cora, and Tommy**. Based on the data can be seen that the bold word that is contained paralinguistic systems. The example is in the Sven point this dialogue can be including in the paralinguistic systems. Because the bold word that said by the main man character in the movie show how he addressed his friend, that is 'sven' so the word or the name 'sven' is include in the paralinguistic systems. Next example is in the point Olaf in this dialogue is addressed to another man in the scene that playing card with the main man character. So the word Olaf is can include in the paralinguistic systems, because that is the way someone to addressed another one.

3. **Reason caused the differences of language features between men and women in the movie.**

Sociolinguist tried to explain why women speak differently than men. Sociolinguistic studied the linguistic behavior of women using more standard forms than men according to Holmes (2013) came up with 4 explanations; (1) social status, (2) role in society, (3) status as a subordinate group and (4) speech expressing masculinity. Based on the theory that explained by the sociolinguist, the researcher has found the data that required into one reason why the language features of main man character (Jack) and main woman character (Rose) are different. Here the data that found:

a) Jack: Well, then logging got to be too much like work, so I went down to Los Angelas to the pier in Santa Monica. That's a swell place, they even have a rollercoaster. I sketched portraits there for ten cents apiece.
b) Jack: We are the luckiest sons of bitches in the world!

c) Jack: Well, right now my address is the RMS Titanic. After that, I'm on God's good humor.
d) Jack: I work my way from place to place. Tramp steamers and such. I won my ticket on Titanic here in a lucky hand at poker.

Based on the data above, it can be seen that there is reason why the language features that used by man and woman in this movie is different. For the example point (a), in this dialogue, Jack said that he is do a freelance job and just have ten cents for his fee. So it shows that he doesn't has a good economic side.

Discussion

The language features that approved in this study is include three point, that are (1) vocabulary, (2) question tag and (3) paralinguistic systems. In this study found that the woman main character used the vocabulary include in the adjective word, there are 12 dialogue that in those dialogue including adjective word that include in the vocabulary area, in question tag context there are 1 dialogue contain question tag in this movie and last is paralinguistic systems here has found 21 dialogue that contain paralinguistic system. The main man character in this movie, the researcher found 19 dialogue that contain adjective that one of vocabulary area in this theory, found 2 question tag in the dialogue, and also the researcher found 11 dialogue that speak by main man character that contain paralinguistic system or the way someone to addressed someone.

Li (2014) who conducted a research entitled, "A sociolinguistics study of language and gender in desparate house" concluded that in the terms of the amount of talk, use more words to compose more sentence. In the area of vocabulary, Lakoff (1973) claims that adjectives such as adorable, charming, divine, lovely and sweet

are also commonly used by woman but only rarely by man. Another theory from Wardhaugh is talked about question tag. Last is woman and man may have paralinguistic systems. Based on findings, previous study and also the theory, in this study the researcher success to approved the theory that the theory from Wardhaugh was right that woman use adjective, question tag and also paralinguistic system. It can be seen in the previous study that Li (2014) said that in her theory, she said that in the terms of amount talk, use more words to compose more sentence. That is not different from this theory, because the speaker composes more word so the sentence that speak by her is include vocabulary, question tag and also paralinguistic systems.

The reason that used in this study include 4 reason. There are; (1) social status, (2) woman's role as guardian of society's values, (3) subordinate groups must be polite and (4) vernacular forms express machismo. In this movie found 4 dialogue that contain the differences of social status from Jack as a man in lower strata and Rose in high strata.

Sociolinguist claim that women believe that the way they speak is signals their social class background or social status in community. They are more status conscious than man. So, woman use more standard forms than man because standard forms are prestigious and usually associated with people from a higher class.

Conclusion

Based on the study findings and discussion related to the language features by man and woman in *Titanic* movie, three main conclusions can be drawn. The first conclusion is concerned with the language features used by woman in movie, second is the language features used by man in movie and the last is related to the reason why language features used by man and woman in movie is different.

1) Language features used by woman in movie

There are three language features that has been discussed in this study. There are vocabulary, question tag and paralinguistic system. In woman dialogue in this movie, using the vocabulary types 21 times excluding repetition, for the question tag woman character only use once in movie and the last is paralinguistic system, woman character using paralinguistic system 12 times in movie excluding repetition.

2) Language features used by man in movie

There are three language features that has been discussed in this study. There are vocabulary, question tag and paralinguistic system. In man dialogue in this movie, using the vocabulary 20 times excluding repetition, for the question tag using twice without repetition also the last one is paralinguistic system using 10 times in the movie excluding repetition.

3) Reason why language features that used by man and woman in movie is different

In this study there are 4 reason why language features that used by man and woman in movie is different there are; Social status, Woman's Role as Guardian of Society's Values, Groups Must be Polite and Vernacular Forms Express Machismo. Based on the findings study that showed dialogue of one of character in movie, shows that the cause of differences in language use between man and woman in movie is due to differences in social status between man and woman in movie.