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### ABSTRACT

This research delves into the intricate relationship between language, gender, and media, focusing on the portrayal of women's language features in the popular series "The Queen's Gambit." The study explores how the main character, Beth Harmon, employs linguistic characteristics associated with women as identified by scholars like Robin Lakoff and Deborah Cameron. Utilizing a qualitative descriptive research design, the study analyzes the dialogue of female characters in the series, categorizing utterances based on linguistic features such as lexical hedges, intensifiers, tag questions, super polite forms, and question forms. The analysis finds that Beth does use some of these language traits, but not all of them. She often uses uncertain language and polite forms to assert herself rather than show uncertainty. The study also shows that Beth primarily uses language to share information and express her emotions in the series.

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