

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Coates (2013:86) uses the example of how people grow up in the United Kingdom, where everyone is taught that women talk more than men, that women 'gossip,' that men curse more than women, that women are more courteous, and others. Language use based on gender (male and female) has become one of the interesting topics to study even from decades before. The last few years there have been several studies on differences in language and generation, whether it is just focusing on the language features or focusing on one of the female or male languages. Some studies focus on the use of language features in either women or men, such as Pamikat (2020), Purnata, et.al (2021), Nuringtyas and Navila (2022) focus on analyzing women's language features. These studies adopt Lakoff's (1975) model.

Some of the following studies such as Juwita, et.al (2018), Putra and Prayudha (2019), Ertanti (2020), Erwiarti (2021) focus on examining women and men language using Coates' (2004) with its seven features.

The object of this study is a movie titled *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* (2005) which is written by Simon Kinberg and director Doug Liman. The film captivated audiences with its two lead characters, Brad Pitt as John and Angelina Jolie as Jane, and told the story of a married couple who work in rival agencies as assassins but neither realizes it at first. This movie became the top-selling film in 3.424 theaters in the United States and Canada in first week. The difference in gender but having the same job makes this movie a fascinating object of study.

There are some studies related to the object of this study, such as Alexandra (2015) who adopted Wood (1993), Spolsky (1998) and Schmidt (2002) model to show the speech style used by Angelina Jolie as Jane in the film. Another study by Wiguna (2022) used Lakoff's (1975) model, which aims to look at the differences in language features between women and men that can influence gender differences in this movie.

However, the analysis of the film *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* (2005) concerning to the use of language between men and women using Coates' (2013) model has never been carried out. Therefore, the writer chose to analyze the film using Coates' (2013) which focuses on the two lead characters, Jane and John. The reason for choosing Jane and John is because they are the two lead characters, who is appear frequently and have the most conversations in the movie.

1.2 Research Question

In light of the background of the study, two research questions can be formulated:

1. What are Coates' language features used by the lead characters in *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* (2005)?
2. What are the purposes of using the lead characters' language features in *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* (2005)?

1.3 Objectives of the Research

In line to the aforementioned research question, this study aims to fulfill the following objectives:

1. To identify and describe the type of language feature used by the lead characters in the data. Additionally, the study aims to determine the most frequently used language features in the data.
2. To reveal the purpose of the lead characters' language features in *Mr. and Mrs. Smith (2005)*

1.4 Previous Studies

Previous studies relevant to this study are incorporated to different subsections in this manuscript (section 1.1)

1.5 Scope of the Study

This study deals with the language features used by male and female. Many conversations between the same gender and different genders occur in the movie *Mr. and Mrs. Smith (2005)*. However, the writer in this study only focuses on the two lead characters in this movie, Jane and John. The data that have been collected are then analyzed using Coates (2013) model related to gender differences in conversation

1.6 Writing Organization

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

This chapter shows the background of the study, research question, previous study, objectives of the study, previous study, scope of the study and writing organization of the study.

CHAPTER II THEORY AND METHOD

This chapter provides the literature review, and research method that were used to analyze the research question.

CHAPTER III FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

In this chapter, the writer will examine the results of the discussion from the data in order to answer the research question. The results and discussions based on data analysis of language features used by the lead character in the film "Mr. and Mrs. Smith (2005)" presented in correspondence with the research questions.

CHAPTER IV CONCLUSION

In this chapter, the writer will summarize the analysis results based on the research.

REFERENCES

APPENDICES