

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

It is undisputed that as living creature, human needs to socialize. Human needs to communicate with others in order to fulfill their needs. That is why communication becomes a very important factor in human's life daily basis. The ability to communicate or the general right of communication make it possible to exchange opinions, thoughts and meanings. It enables people to express themselves and show their own points of view.

There are many factors that influence the way people communicate or use language, such as geography location, age, social status, gender, etc. This causes vice versa influence towards the language and the society. People can influence the language itself, and upside down, language can influence the speaker itself. The linguistic choices in any social interaction are influenced by the following social factors. First, the participants i.e. who is talking or how the relationship between the speakers. Second, the social context of the conversation or the setting i.e. the place of the interaction will influence the kind of linguistic repertoire used. Third, the topic of the interaction which affects the linguistic choices. Finally, the function of the interaction determines the type of linguistic repertoires used in an interaction, is the function of the conversation referential i.e. to give information or affective i.e. to express feelings (Holmes 2008).

One of many factors which creates language variation is gender. It is because male and female are different physically and psychologically. It affects on how they will create different way of saying and interpreting anything. Male tend to use their logic while female will use their feeling. Contrast divergence between male and female affects to their different language style and topic of conversations. Subon (2013 : 3) states that men talk more about things related to jobs, while women tend to accentuate on family, home, feelings and emotions. He also states that women's speech is very much influenced by their choice of linguistic forms. They prefer to use a lot of questions to enquire about information which indirectly helps to develop quite a fair participation especially in terms of turn taking by all the interlocutors. Further explanation, Subon (2013) addsthat, the women's speech is shorter in forms than the men's and they switch from one topic to another in a shorter time than men. It is found that women use more polite forms of address than men, ask more questions and use more humours than men. Notably, men used slightly more of fillers, hedges and affirmatives than women. Analyzing the linguistic forms used, women appear more polite than men as they prefer using their ethnic group terms of address when addressing and referring to one another. However, both genders are direct in their speech.

Here is the example of linguistic forms that were taken from the conversations of the movie in 20th minute.

Declan : ***What the hell*** you doing?

Anna : *Plugging something in.*

Declan : *Give me that. It's personal.*

Anna : *You fried my BlackBerry.*

Declan : *You fried the whole **village!** Idiot!*

Anna : ***Jackass.***

From the conversation above, there were some linguistic forms that found :

- a. First, the question from the male character (Declan), he used the vernacular form, namely the use of grammar in informal situation language. "**What the hell** you doing?" was used in spite of "**What are** you doing?"
- b. Second, there was an emphatic stress used in the word "**village**" as form of emphasizing.
- c. The last, in the other hand, the female character (Anna) used the vernacular form in vocabulary too, "**Jackass**" as form of responding.

The researcher was interested in analyzing this case because many unique opinions in the society have been existed for years about the use of man and woman's language. Al-Harahsheh (2014 : 3) states that studying how men and women use language in interaction has been the obsession of many sociolinguists all over the world such as in the USA, the UK, etc. One of the most differences that can be found in women and man's conversation is linguistic form. The writer takes a movie as the element of research because it is found more real since the characters are talking in a way people usually do. Beside that, the writer also wants to prove about the theory and concept of Robin Lakoff, a linguist who has

been contributed in the use of language in the terms of gender. After her theory was emerged, there were also many researches conducted to prove the similar field. Many researchers said that Lakoff's theory depended too much on her own opinion and the myth which came from the society regarding the gender assumption (Subon, Frankie. 2013. Nemati, A. & Bayer, J.M. 2007. Cholifah, Y. W., Heriyanto., & Citraresmana, E. 2013). There were many oppositions against her theory, especially concerning about the use of linguistic form itself. When she tried to emphasize that women are the only one gender who use the linguistic form, many researches said that even men are not less to use it in conversation. Indeed, this study provided some insight and understanding about the differences in men and women's linguistics form in *Leap Year* movie.

B. The Problems of the Study

Based on the background above, the problems of the study were formulated as the following:

1. What were the linguistic forms found in the conversation of female and male characters in *Leap Year* movie?
2. How was the implication of linguistic form used in the language of female and male characters in *Leap Year* movie?

C. The Objectives of the Study

In line of the problem, the objectives of the study were:

1. To know the linguistic forms in the conversation of female and male characters in *Leap Year* movie.
2. To describe the implication of the linguistic form used in the language of female and male characters in *Leap Year* movie.

D. The Scope of the Study

The researcher limited the scope of this study only the analysis of conversations of the main characters in *Leap Year* movie. The conversations were divided into two parts, the main characters only conversations (Anna and Declan) and main characters with other characters conversations.

E. The Significances of the Study

The findings of this study are expected to be useful theoretically and practically. Theoretically, it is expected to be relevant and useful to provide more horizons to theories of Sociolinguistics, particularly the use of linguistic forms and gender.

Practically, the findings can also be guidance for the researcher who wants to do further studies which related to the terms of language variation based on gender. It is also aimed to increase the students' and reader understanding and interest in linguistics, particularly Sociolinguistics.