

ABSTRACT

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This study focused on the speech function used by *parhata* in *marhata adat* in Batak Toba wedding ceremony. This research was conducted by using descriptive qualitative method. The data of the study were all utterances uttered by *parhata* in *marhata adat* event in Batak Toba wedding ceremony. The result of the study showed that there were three types of speech: statement of bride (62, 88%) and groom (46,99%), command of bride (30,36%) and groom (30,12%) and question of bride (6,82%) and groom (22,89%). All the types of speech function realized in moods, namely declarative of bride (74,24%) and groom (51,99%), imperative of bride (18,94%) and groom (25,30%) and interrogative of bride (6,82%) and groom (22,89%). Statement was became the most dominant commonly used in *marhata adat* event of Batak Toba, because *parhata* (speaker) from bride and groom sides used statement to deliver their speech to give information, blessings, hopes, reasons, thanks and acknowledge also demanding goods and services.

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