

English Swearing among Teenagers in Instagram

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Abstrak

Mengumpat merupakan salah satu fenomena yang muncul di masyarakat. Remaja adalah orang muda yang usianya berada dalam kisaran 13-19 tahun. Perkataan mereka sebagian besar berisi bahasa negatif atau disebut sebagai kata-kata umpatan. Hal ini untuk mengungkapkan penggunaan kata-kata umpatan di Instagram. Kata-kata umpatan biasanya diucapkan oleh orang dewasa di masyarakat. Saat ini, remaja juga cenderung melakukan umpatan. Hal tersebut dapat dilihat di Instagram para remaja yang mengekspos dengan menggunakan kata-kata yang cenderung berisi umpatan. Ada empat tema kata-kata umpatan seperti agama / tema supranatural, tema scatological, tema kegiatan seksual, dan tema ibu (keluarga). Dari Instagram, penelitian ini mencoba untuk menganalisis apa saja jenis kata-kata umpatan yang diucapkan dalam keadaan tertentu. Penelitian ini berisi 2 pertanyaan penelitian. Yaitu 1, Apa jenis kata-kata umpatan yang diucapkan oleh remaja di Instagram yang sering digunakan. Dan 2, bagaimana pembicara menggunakan kata-kata umpatan untuk menunjukkan kekuatan. Sedangkan metode yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah metode kualitatif deskriptif. Pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan mengumpulkan dan menganalisis dialog yang mengandung kata-kata umpatan di kalangan remaja pada Instagram. Instrumen yang digunakan peneliti untuk membantu mengumpulkan data menggunakan ponsel dan laptop. Temuan dari penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa kata-kata umpatan di Instagram yang digunakan oleh remaja dikategorikan menjadi empat tema. Yaitu, tema agama / tema supranatural, tema scatological, tema kegiatan seksual, dan tema ibu (keluarga). Kategori-kategori yang diterapkan dalam empat keadaan. Seperti, untuk mengekspresikan kemarahan perasaan, frustrasi, kecelakaan, dan terkejut atau tidak terduga. Dari temuan, kata *fuck* cenderung diucapkan di dalam Instagram.

Kata kunci: Umpatan, Remaja, Instagram

Abstract

Swearing is one of phenomenon which appears in society. A teenager is a young person whose age falls within the range from 13–19. Their words mostly contain of negative language or it is called as swearwords. This paper is to reveal the use of swearwords in Instagram. Swearwords are usually uttered by adults in society. Nowadays, teenagers also tend to do swearing. This can be seen in Instagram which tends to expose teenagers who produce a lot of swearwords. There are four themes of swearwords such as religious/ supernatural theme, the scatological theme, the sexual activities theme, and the mother (family) theme. From Instagram, this research tries to analyze what types of swearwords which are uttered in particular circumstances. This study encloses 2 research questions. 1. What types of swearwords which are uttered by teenagers in Instagram often produce and 2. How does the speaker use swearwords to show the power?. Descriptive qualitative method is used in this research. The data collection was done by gathering and analyzing the dialogs which contain of swearwords among teenagers in Instagram. The instrument was the researcher himself who uses a cellphone and laptop to help the researcher to collect the data. The findings from the research show that swearwords in Instagram which are used by teenagers are categorized into five themes. They are religious/ supernatural theme, the scatological theme, the sex organ theme, the sexual activities theme, and the mother (family) theme. Those categories are applied in four circumstances such as to express anger feeling, frustration, and surprised or unexpected accident. From the findings, *fuck* tend to be uttered in any circumstances in Instagram.

Keywords: Swearing, Teenagers, Instagram

INTRODUCTION

Instagram, It is an online mobile photo-sharing, video-sharing, and social networking service that enables its users to take pictures and videos, and share them either publicly or privately on the app, as well as through a variety of other social networking platforms, such as

Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and Flickr. Those are one of social media that happening right now. It is contain of photos and videos which uploaded by users. Everybody has their own account to share anything, but mostly it is used by teenagers. Most of teenagers in this world using Instagram to share their own photos and videos to another

users. In Instagram, they can follow each other to see the feeds. They also can give likes and comments each other. A teenager, or teen, is a young person whose age falls within the range from 13–19. They are called teenagers because their age number ends with "teen". Their words mostly contain of negative language or it is called as swearwords.

Swearing is one of phenomenon which appears in society. The prototype meaning of swear is to take an oath (Allan & Burridge, 2006). They also state that swearing someone or something is to insult and abuse it. Wajnryb has similar view about the meaning of swear. She defines "swear" is used to make promise or oath (Wajnryb, 2005). That is why swearing is always related with bad situation. This situation shows that those words exist in society and in social media. Swearwords are not taught in school or formal situation. In fact, those words appear in society. People do not need to be taught how to swear, they learn naturally from their daily life. In addition, swearwords not only appear in daily conversation but also in other parts of society such as music or others social media which everyone can hear those kinds of words. This situation can make those words can be known easily in daily life.

This research explained about kinds of swearwords and how does the speaker power produced by those teenagers. Previous research studies that are used by this research addressed swearing on novel and movie. The difference of this research to previous study it used different platform which is Instagram. The social media Instagram choose by the researcher because the users of Instagram are mostly teenagers. Nowadays, teenagers mostly used swearwords on their daily conversation. They produce it in anyways, such as in their daily conversation.

This research will explain about swearing among the teenagers and to find out kinds of swear words that produce by teenagers in Instagram and also to analyze the situation (in what case they produce it). When someone produce the swear words means that they are lack of the politeness and non-educated because in the society that is not good to be heard and it is impolite. Based on those reasons, a study of the analysis of swearwords in social media instagram intends to be conducted.

RESEARCH QUESTION

There are two questions are going to be analyzed in this study. Those are:

1. What types of swearwords which are uttered by teenagers in Instagram often produce?
2. How does the speaker use swearwords to show the power?

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The purposes which are reached in this analysis are to provide the answer of the research question described above, specifically:

1. To describe the types of swearwords which are uttered by teenagers in social media Instagram.

2. To identify the speaker power which used in social media Instagram.

Teenager's Language

During this period, teens spend much of the day outside the home, at school or at after-school activities or jobs and with their friends. But it is important to try to talk with your teen every day to share opinions, ideas, and information. Teens essentially communicate as adults, with increasing maturity throughout high school. They comprehend abstract language, such as idioms, figurative language, and metaphors. In fact, swearing is not a new situation which have been shown in popular entertainment such as radio, theater, comedy, publishing, film, and television (Battistella, 2005).

Taboo Words

Taboo is always related to restricted idea or can be said as a sacred, for example the name of God, unpleasant words or things such as cannibalism or incest (Hughes, 2006: 462). Hughes (2006) also stated, generally, taboo have moved from religious to sexual or racial; beside that, taboo can be shown in others topics such as things, creatures, human experiences, conditions, deeds, and words (Hughes, 2006: 462). Based on Ljung (2011: 4), there are relation between taboo and swearing. When an utterance is said and abused taboos especially taboo words which have been concerned in society, it can be categorized as swearing. Most of those taboos are divided into two major groups; the first is the taboos which are involving religion and supernatural, and the second the taboos which are involving sexual activities and sexual organs (Ljung, 2011: 35).

In society, there are limitation in using taboo words which are agreed in certain culture; it can be caused that those words are disregarded by religion (Wajnryb, 2005:). Those words are believed too strong, dangerous, or mysterious when it is used in society (Jay, 2000). Nowadays, taboo words are uttered to represent "offensive" rather than "strictly forbidden" (Hughes, 2006: 463). The use of taboo words in society are restricted because can cause harm, pain, or discomfort (Allan & Burridge, 2006: 1). Taboo words have to be avoided or never be uttered in society (Hughes, 2006: 463).

Swearwords

Swearing is one of phenomenon which appears in society. Swearing is the activity which is often related to the swearwords. Swearing represents a linguistic behavior which is always related to emotive utterance types (Ljung, 2011: 1). Swear is originally taken from an oath (Allan & Burridge, 2006). They also state that swearing someone or something is to insult and abuse it. Wajnryb has similar view about the meaning of swear. She defines "swear" is used to make promise or oath (Wajnryb, 2005: 20). Based on Magnus Ljung, there are some criteria what swearing is such as swearing always contains taboo words; the taboo words is used in non - literal meaning; and swearing is always related to emotive language (Ljung, 2011: 4).

Swearing can be categorized in two ways, formal swearing and informal swearing (Hughes, 2006: 178). In formal swearing, swearing is related to agreement or promises for example in marriage, the couple swear each other. On the other hand, in informal swearing, swearing is related to bad language or emotive expression. When do swearing, the speaker usually gives some additional stress, intonation and tone of voice, and the gestures and face expression to strengthen the expression of swearing (Ljung, 2011: 27). It is impossible when showing emotional expression without swearwords. Using swearwords, it is strengthen way to show emotional expression and emotive life (Jay, 2000:). Swearing is also used to express anger feeling, annoyance, or frustration (McEnery, 2006). That is why swearwords is often related to impolite words or crude words in society.

Types of Swearing

Ljung(Ljung, 2011: 30) classified types of swearing in two ways. There are based on the functions and themes; functions take roles in the purpose of swearwords to be used, while the themes involve the areas or categories of how the swearwords are formed. In functions, it will be divided into two major subgroups. There are stand-alone and slot filler. The stand-alone function is that the swearwords are uttered or produced as their own constituent. The swearwords can stand- alone by themselves without adding other words. The stand-alone functions are divided into seven swearing expressions such as expletives interjection, oaths, curses, affirmation and contradiction, unfriendly suggestion, ritual insults, and name calling.

Speaker Power

In conversation, there is a speaker and the listener. They communicate each other to get feedback. Automatically, the speaker will lead the listener to the topic which they want to talk. On the other hand, the listener will be ready to respond it. This situation can be said as a communication. Both the speaker and the listener can give influence in their conversation. However, it can be seen there is a significant person who can lead that conversation. It means this significant person has an ability to control situation which is called as power. Power is ability to control or give some influences for others. The powers contain class, race, occupation, and age (Jay, 2000: 157). It is line with Thomas et al (2004: 17), they believe that power is ability which is had by the speaker to give command other person (Thomas et al., 2004: 17).

Power and Class

Based on Jay (2000: 160), there is relation between power, class, and swearing. Swearword is used by all of the social classes in any kind of circumstances; but it is common to use swearword in relaxed situations not in formal situations. Power, class, and swearing are related each other. Same with Wajnryb (2005: 19), who said that in some situation swearwords have a power which actually used by the speaker to insult or curse each other.

Based on Jay (1999: 51-52), swearwords are unique in their ability to express our strongest emotions and that opposed to noncurse words, curses gain their power through the need inhibit them; therefore breaking the inhibition or taboo in order to say cursewords is understood as occurring when the speaker is in emotional state. Thus, one could say that uttering a string swearwords, when in a strong emotional state, would be regarded as more acceptable than saying a swearword out of the blue. Such emotional states could be everything from being angry, upset, shocked or happy.

METHOD

This study is about english swearing in one of social media that happening right now, named instagram. Since the data were not numerical or quantitative, this study used qualitative research method.

A qualitative research method will be used to conduct the research in this paper. Research method is the strategy used for collecting data and analyzing the data, which the researcher needs to solve the research problem. Composing qualitative research is not a linear process in which we gather “facts” in the field that speak for themselves and make our contribution apparent to all readers. Mack Et al (2005:1) quoted that qualitative research are also effective in identifying intangible factors, such as social norms, socioeconomic status, gender, roles, ethnicity, and religion, whose role in the research issue may not be readily apparent. When used along with quantitative methods, qualitative research can help us to interpret and better understand the complex reality of a given situation and the implications of a quantitative data.

This research uses descriptive qualitative method. This method is concerned with structures and patterns, and how something is. The qualitative method is investigating the types of strategy – the qualities – in the data and determining why particular speakers used in specific context with particular people (Wray at al, 1998).

Qualitative method is proper to use in an analyzing of “English Swearing among Teenagers in Instagram”. This research intends to analyze swearwords which are used by the teenagers in social media instagram.

The objects of the study were swearwords which used by teenagers in instagram. Primarily, the data were taken by instagram that contains English swearwords. There were classifications of data for each research question that was explained in data display.

The sample which the writer wants to study is the teenagers who are always produce many kinds of swearwords. To study about kinds of swear words that produce by the teenagers, the writer acquire the data that explain about which kinds of swear words itself. In this research, the sample is taken by the teenagers as the users of social media instagram who produce swear words almost in every conversation. The writer has chosen some teenagers in instagram as the object. The writer has the reason to do this research in social media instagram. It is because instagram is one of teenager’s media to doing their activities. Nowadays, social media is one of the best places to insulting each other.

For the first step, open the Instagram. The writer looked for some account who have many followers. Then, the writer choose some photos from the account who have many commenters. Actually there are many haters and also teenagers who are produce some swear words in the different ways and in the different situations. They also communicate with the other users, sometimes they used bad language. There are some data from Instagram accounts which are contains of swearing. The writer has classified them based on the categories. After the first step, the second is take a note and write all swear words that produce by teenagers on the Instagram. Their conversation is about the hottest topic nowadays or about their idol's life and the writer found many kinds of swear word from their conversation. After the first and the second step, the third is transcribes all of their conversation.

RESULTS

This chapter has two major parts. There are results and discussions. The result or finding represents the data which is found in *Instagram*. In result or finding, it covers the types or kind of swearwords and when teenagers produce swearwords.

The Relationship between Swearwords and Speaker Power in Instagram

Power is ability to control or give some influences for others (Jay, 2000). People who have power will lead the listener to tell a joke, make a fun, and also use swearwords. The speaker who has the most power will lead the level of formality, even leading to non – formal level of speech which is related to use swearwords. He also stated that cursing can be as a way to designate a relaxed situation. However, it have to be considered that cursing or swearing in inappropriate time will reduce speaker's credibility. The powers contain some aspects such as class, race, occupation, and age.

The power and class aspect is concerned in this research. It can be taken from the users utterances in *instagram* which is concerned, teenagers. Those teenager characters are selected because they use swearwords frequently and they have a different status. They are from another country and did not know each other. From that difference, it can be known how both of them use swearwords in their conversation which are used as a power to lead other people.

Power and Class

Swearword is used by all of social classes in any kind of circumstances; but it is common to use swearword in relaxed situations not in formal situations. Power, class, and swearing are related to each other. Generally people who have power, especially high class ones, can swear as they want because there will be no social consequences. It usually happens when high class do swearing towards low class but it is not happen in this research. Nevertheless, low classes do much swearing. Low class people, in this research are teenagers who gave the comment on comment sections, tend to do swearing

because they have nothing to lose. Low class uses swearwords to reduce class difference.

Teenagers Power as a Low Class

Teenagers are categorized as a low class because they are only the commenters on other's Instagram account. They are sardonic person, they often mocks other people with no guilt. That is why, they categorized as a low class. Low class tends to be categorized as a powerless people. Low class is often related to do swearing. Low class does swearing which means to narrow social gap with higher classes. Swearing which is uttered by making a joke or insulting to other powerful classes, it can help the low classes making those powerful classes feel less power which are shown in E 1, E 2, and E 3.

E 1

Sabrinaguimaraes1994	: and are you what?
Trisya_candy	: before this I hate jb and now I will support jb !
Inab_aamir	: what are u
hoe	
Heythatlouis	: no Justin is the beste
Burlierrook2439	: u too jeliebers u mother fucking prick headed fucker
Burlierrook2439	: fuck Justin

In E 1, @Burlierrook2439 could reduce the gap to other classes. @Burlierrook2439 talked to someone above his comment and gave the insult. At that time, @Burlierrook2439 started the conversation using swearwords "*mother fucking and fuck*". Then, @Burlierrook2439 talked about that swearword to another commenters. From E 1, it can be seen that @Burlierrook2439 showed his power. Another users just said little bit in that conversation. It means that @Burlierrook2439 took a big role in that conversation which @Burlierrook2439 had power there. By using swearwords which were related to sexual activities, @Burlierrook2439 controlled the conversation. He was not afraid that he will be misjudged as bad boy because he had nothing to lose. In fact, he could control the conversation which could make another users felt less power than her.

E2

Thegirlsfashion	: whats the point of a hare acc?!,!?!?
Tenzin_2016	: @cryusfuckingbitchf

orlife **fuck** u stop
doing silly things
wake up Miley
already woke up and
she followed her
dream and succeed
go follow ur dream n
success don't judge
other u need to
beliveur next life if u
want to reborn as
human be good to
every one don't judge
don't be like bitch
and asshole

1_and_only_harry_styles

: she is very pretty
you are jealous be
because you aren't
pretty I bet or nice
why your self she is
amazing

12juanita12

: all right I don't
want to be a
drugaddict like her
@1_and_only_harry_
styles

In E 2, swearwords are used by lower working class to narrow the gap with others. @Tenzin_2016 used that swearword to control the situation and make the commenters listen to him. Besides to narrow the gap, lower working class tends to do swearing to rebel or fight against those powerful classes using swearwords. When low class arguing with other people, they will add some swearwords to strengthen their opinion. It is proved in E 2 when @Tenzin_2016 gave the comment directly to another user because insulting Miley Cyrus.

E 3

Kendallhaters69

: #kendallhater

Ummichelle

: **Fuck** you

Kennynorman0

:

@ummicelle

Ummichelle

: omg I

forgot about this

Kendalljennerfanpagesluzz

: **fuck** you

you're a cunt

(Data 15-18)

From the conversation @Ummichelle giving the word "**fuck**" to insulting another user because she felt anger when her idol insulted by others. Low classes tend to do swearing because they have nothing to lose. There will be no social consequences for swearing, that is why they use some swearwords in their utterances. It is proved in E 3.

Actors/Actress's Powers as a High Class

This research found a phenomenon that high class which is represented by artist does not swear on instagram, even though they have power. They have to keep their image on society.

Actors and Actress are categorized as a high class because they have many followers and most of people knew them. They are popular idol nowadays and have so many haters. They spent their life in social media Instagram by posted photos and videos on their account. As a high class, they are a type who really cares about their performance and their attitude. They are very cautious when they want to offend someone by adding swearwords in their speech. Actually, in this research the high class did not produce swearwords at all. They did not replay the comment section on their account. They will only perform swearing in a situation where they have to or in a messed up situation that causes them get frustrated or mad. In this case, they will only produce swearwords on their real life.

Related to power as a high class, the use of swearword is also in purpose to show that the actors and actress are more powerful than others but they did not produce swearwords. They are used to do swearing when talks to people who close and intimate to them such as to their bestfriends in their real life not in social media.

DISCUSSION

Based on the result, the data could prove that the use of swearwords and the use of speaker power among teenagers were appeared in *instagram*. Teenagers in *instagram* were found to use swearwords in their conversation. They added swearwords to convey their feelings such as anger feeling, frustration, and support. From those swearwords which are uttered by teenagers in *instagram*, they can be classified into five themes such as the religious/ supernatural theme, the scatological theme, the sex organ theme, the sexual activities theme, and the mother (family) theme (see in chapter 2). Teenagers also used those swearwords to show their power. They used their power to reduce gap in their society. When they can reduce the gap, they can lead others as what they want by commented on other users account.

Swearwords which are produced in any circumstance in Instagram

Those data shows the whole types of swearwords. The swearwords belong to the same theme, the functions of those swearwords can be different based on the circumstances when the women characters uttered those swearwords. *Fuck* word has a large number of meaning, compounds, idioms, and tunes.

People use several kinds of swearword in different situation. As defined by Robin, there are distinctions among the function of using swearwords. He also states that there are kinds or types of swearwords based on Jay (1992: 6). Those kinds or types of swearwords are cursing, profanity, blasphemy, taboo or obscenity, vulgarisms, and expletives (Mercury, 1995: 30). One of those types of swearwords, taboo or obscenity, is the word which disregard by religion

(Wajnryb, 2005: 19). She also explained the use of taboo or obscenity words to express or show the body's part function or products such as "shit" or "fuck". Nowadays, taboo words have change from religious to sexual and ethnic or cultural areas. Taboo or obscenity is believed too strong, dangerous, or mysterious when it is used in society (Jay, 2000: 189). Those words have to be avoided or never be uttered in society (Hughes, 2006: 462). In fact, there are lots of swearwords such as "shit" or "fuck" which can be seen easily in society now.

Fuck has a large number of meaning. Actually, *fuck* stands for sexual activity which is similar to "make love" activity. *Fuck word* is used by the speaker to express one's feeling as an expletives. It can be seen in SAT 2. *Fuck!* Expression was used by @Tenzin_2016 to express his own feeling especially to show his emotion in unexpected accident. @Tenzin_2016 used that expression to insult others, he showed his emotion because he knew that his idol was insulting by others. From SAT 2, *fuck* word which was said by @Tenzin_2016 did not refer to "make love" activity. He just expressed his feeling. That is why *fuck* word has a large meaning. Another example can be seen in SAT 4. In SAT 4, @Ummichelle said "*Fuck you*". That *fuck* word does not mean that word is related to "make love" activity; but, *fuck* word is used to give a harm or to insult other people. In SAT 9, @Batheshod.closed said "*don't waste your time here people are waiting for fuck*". *Fuck* was used by @Batheshod.closed to replace anger feeling. This is kind of gradable expression by using swearwords as known as adjectival/ adverbial intensifier. From SAT 2, SAT 4, and SAT 9, it can be concluded that *fuck* has another meaning based on the circumstances.

Fuck also has a large number of compound. From Instagram, there are some compound word of *fuck* such as *fucker*, *fucked*, and *fucking*. In SAT 1, @Burlierrook2439 said "*headed fucker!*" that swearwords did not address directly to anyone. *Fuck* + -er became *fucker* which was categorized as an agent noun. *Fucker* is an expression to address someone for expressing one's emotion. At that time, @Burlierrook2439 used that expression to express her anger feeling to those who insulting him as Justin Bieber's hater. In SAT 7, "*we're fucked!*" *Fuck* + -ed become *fucked*. That swearword has a position as adjective which can replace "screwed" which is actually more common to be expressed in such as a chaotic situation. Besides that, there is also another variant of *fuck* word. There is "*fucking*", *fuck* + -ing become *fucking*. *Fucking* can be as an adjective intensifier. In SAT 10, it had been explained before that *fucking* can be replaced "very" or "high" expression. "*Fucking*" means that "very". From SAT 1, SAT 7, and SAT 10, *fuck* has some number of compound.

It is common that swearwords are used to express anger feeling, frustration, or surprise. The speaker used swearwords to express anger feeling. It can be seen in RT 2, @_sarah390 used some swearword expressions "*oh my Fucking God*". @_sarah390 was angry because she was feel uncomfortable with what she look. Then, she expressed her anger feeling to another

users who gave the comments by saying that swearwords. Firstly, @_sarah390 used exclamation "*oh my Fucking God*", after that, @Viapandan added "*Hae bitch, fuck yourself. Don't hate Justin*" to show their anger feeling which was addressed directly to them.

In RT 3, @Vikaalif used swearword expression to show her anger feeling "*what the hell...*" *Hell* was used to express anger feeling because *hell* is the concept of a place of eternal swearing. That is why, it is suitable to use in anger feeling to give other people a curse like in *hell*. @Vikaalif was angry to @ddianao because she did not like if someone do something that she did not like.

In SCT 1, *shit* was used to express anger feeling. @Biebers_girlfriend1 said "*Such Shit*". @Biebers_girlfriend1 was angry to the commenters above her comment because her effort to defend her idol. *Shit* was used to replace chaos situation about defending the idol. In SCT 2, *asshole* expression was used to express anger feeling. @Tenzin_2016 said "*asshole*" which was addressed to @cryusfuckingbitchforlife. He was angry to her because she was cursing his idol.

Fuck word is tend to be used to express anger feeling. In SAT 1, the word "*fucker!*" expressed anger feeling that actually it was said to express anger feeling because another commenters insulting the idol. In SAT 1, @Burlierrook2439 expressed her anger feeling to Justin by saying "*fuck Justin*". In SAT 4 and SAT 5, *fuck* were also used to express anger feeling. In SAT 7, @the_bieb_slays said "*fucking*" to another commenters. @the_bieb_slays expressed her anger feeling because they were insulting the idol. In SAT 7, @the_bieb_slays was expressing her anger feeling which was addressed to @osnapitzberenice. @the_bieb_slays said "*I am not fuckingbutthurt*". @the_bieb_slays was angry to @osnapitzberenice because he was insulting his idol and also giving the negative comment on this platform. In MT 1 and MT 2, *motherfucker* expressions were used to express anger feeling. In MT 1, @Burlierrook2439 said "*mother fucking*" to show her anger directly said to the commenter above. She used that swearword because another users defending their idol and she hate it. In MT 2, @Julena_69_ said "*mother fucking*". @Julena_69_ used that swearword to express her anger feeling to another commenters because they insulting Justin Bieber as @Julena_69_ 's idol. From those data, there are some swearwords which were used in Instagram to express anger feeling. There are *God*, *shit*, *asshole*, *fuck* or *fucking*, and *motherfucker*.

Speaker Powers Used in Instagram

Regarding the use of swearwords in *instagram*, it is closely related to speaker power. There is relation among swearwords, power, and class. Everyone from any classes can use swearwords in their daily conversation. The difference is each class has their own reasons and consequences to use swearwords. It is common that people who are categorized as high class can swear to others as they want because there will be no social consequences. Besides that, they use swearwords to insult

people mostly from moderate and low class because they feel like they have an authority to do so.

From the difference of social class, it can be seen that low class tend to do swearing in their speech. That way is used to show speaker power. By adding swearwords, it can be reduced the gap among other classes and can make the interlocutor feel less power than the speaker.

Power is ability to control or give some influences for others. The powers contain class, race, occupation, and age (Jay, 2000: 157). It is line with Thomas et al (2004: 16), they believe that power is ability which is had by the speaker to give command other person (Thomas et al., 2004: 16). The Instagram users, especially teenagers who are categorized as low class tend to use swearwords because they have nothing to lose while trying to show their power on comments. It can be seen in SAT 1, SAT 2, and SAT 3. Some teenager uses *fuck* word directly to users which given the negative comments by them such as “*such shit*”, “*fuck Justin*”, “*fuck you*”, and “*what the fuck*”. It is shows that they hate he/she who are given that comments. All of their comments must be read by he/she who has the instagram account but he/she never reply the negative comments because they are high class.

On the other hand, another user who classified as a high class had to think carefully if they wanted to use swearwords in inappropriately. Based on Jay's theory, generally, people have a power, especially high class, can swear as they want because there is no social consequences. It usually happens when higher classes do swearing to lower class. Besides that, people who don't have a power, especially low class, can also swear as they want because they have nothing to lose. It also happens when lower classes do swearing is like a common thing (Jay, 2000). He also explained that the lower classes do swearing which mean to reduce class difference. Jay's opinion is also strengthened by Zelvy's opinion (1990), Jay (2000) stated that the aim of lower classes do swearing to reduce the gap among the opponent's social class. Both Freud and Zelvy's believed that swearing which is uttered by making a joke or insulting to other powerful classes, it can help the lower classes making those powerful classes feel small. It will happen by rebelling or fighting against those powerful classes using swearwords. In this form, the high class people are actors or actress who has many followers on their instagram account. The moderate people would use swearwords when they knew certainly the interlocutor was less power than them. In case of showing one's authority towards others, speakers especially teenagers tend to do swearing as an instrument in their speeches.

Based on *instagram*, it can be found that there is relation among swearwords, power, and class. It can be seen from two kinds of users in this form, teenagers as the low class and actors/actrees as high class. Teenagers used swearwords frequently in their speech. From teenagers class, they added swearwords in their speech as many as they wanted. They was not afraid to be misjudge as rude teenagers because they had nothing to lose. There is no specific time or circumstances for teenagers to use

swearwords in their speech. They had not to think when they used swearwords, they could added swearwords whenever as they wanted.

People who are classified as low class also tend to do swearing just like the high class ones. They apply that to all people from any classes to show that they also have the power towards others, but they have different motive from high class people. While high class do swearing for no social consequences, low class do swearing for they have nothing to lose. They had power to control the conversation when talking about sexual activities to unknown person. Another motive for low class using swearwords is because they want to reduce the gap among the social classes. By using swearwords, they are able to defeat the interlocutor to show their power regardless their social class.

On the other hand, high class is more thoughtful to use swearwords towards other classes. This is the result of their position which is floated between high and low class. They also should be careful to do swearing because they may be considered as low class by their social environment if they do that inappropriately. In this form, the moderate people never used negative or hate comments and they never gave their haters bad replays on their instagram account.

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

Conclusion

Based on result and discussion in chapter IV, it can be taken some conclusions which are related to the research question and objectives of this research, as follows:

Swearwords in Any Circumstances in *instagram*

In this study, it can be seen teenagers tend to do swearing. There are four themes of swearwords which are uttered by teenagers in *instagram*. There are religious/supernatural theme (“*God*” and “*what the hell*”), the scatological theme (“*Shit*” and “*asshole*”), the sexual activities theme (“*fuck*”, “*fucking*”, “*fucker*”), and the mother (family) theme (“*motherfucker*”). Types of swearwords are divided in two types, words (*God* and *fuck*) and acronyms (*omfg*, *wtf*, and *wth*).

The swearwords are uttered to express one's feelings such as anger feeling and frustration. For anger feeling, the speakers use *God*, *shit*, *asshole*, *fuck* or *fucking*, and *motherfucker*. For expressing frustration, the speakers use *hell*, *shit*, *fuck*, *fucked*, and *fucking*.

The Relationship between swearwords and speaker power in *Instagram*

In this study, swearwords which are produced by teenagers in low class are vary which indirectly point that low class do much swearing in any circumstances. This indicates that low class tends to do swearing in purpose to gain the social admittance. There are three points for low class when using swearwords to show their power. First, by using swearwords, the low class shows their power to intimidate people from more powerful class which can make those powerful classes become less

power. Second, low class people use swearwords to show their power that may also reduce the gap between the classes. Third, low classes people consider themselves have nothing to lose. That is why they are so easy in uttering swearwords as they want.

On the other hand, moderate classes often produce swearwords yet they should consider where and to whom they speak. Moderate class should recognize their interlocutors well. In performing their power by uttering the swearwords, the interlocutors should be the weaker ones such as the low class. While when communicating to other moderate class, the speaker must confirm that the situation is suitable to utter swearwords to show the speaker power.

Suggestion

Based on the result of this research, there are some suggestions for linguistics students and other researchers which interest in the same topic about swearwords.

A. For Linguistics Students

Hopefully, this research can be a reference for the linguistics students to learn the phenomenon which occur in society especially about swearwords. So, the linguistics students can be more thoughtful to the other phenomenon which related to the use of language and culture.

B. For Other Researchers

This research is focused on the use of swearwords in any circumstances and the use of speaker power by teenagers. For suggestion, the other researchers can focus to explain one of the functions of swearwords. Besides that, the other researchers can focus on the study of speaker power which are related to the swearwords such as power and age and power and race which are not analyzed in this research.

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