ABSTRACT

Gender differences in the aspect of spoken English language and the explanation generated the differences are two primary concerns explored in this study. Based on Lakoff's Women's Language Features as the guideline, the writer conducted an observation towards male and female English Department lecturers at Bina Nusantara University.

From the observation conducted, the writer discovers that male and female lecturers do emphasize different language features through the preference of vocabulary and the usage of complete or incomplete sentences. In addition, the observation reveals that both male and female lecturers elaborate eight features of Lakoff's Women's Language Features namely boosters, rising intonation on declaratives, tag questions, hedges, super polite forms, hypercorrect grammar, emphatic stress and empty adjectives. From the analysis of questionnaire distributed, the writer notices that respondents prefer the Differences Explanation offering the concept that male and female originate from different world to explain the differences in male and female language usage. In the future, the writer expects male and female readers reading this study to accept the differences they share in order to avoid miscommunication in their daily activities.
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