

ABSTRACT

This paper analyses gender differences in responding compliments among university students in Jakarta. Since the participants in this research are Indonesian people who speak Indonesian, the writer uses Indonesian as a language used in giving and responding a compliment. The goal of the study is to find out whether there are any differences between females and males in responding compliments using Indonesian. The participants consist of 40 males and 40 females from university students. Their ages are around nineteen to twenty-one years old. In collecting the data, the writer is helped by male speaker to state the compliment to the participants. The recorded dialogues which become the data of the research are then analyzed based on Herbert's theory on the type of compliment responses. The paper discovers that there are significant impact of gender differences in compliment responses. The type of compliment responses frequently used by male is a praise upgrade type, while the type of compliment responses frequently used by female is a return type.

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