ABSTRACT

This research examines about the language characteristics of males and females in expressing emotions through Facebook status. The language characteristics here are limited to the words, phrases, and sentences on Facebook statuses which express different kinds of emotions through their semantics and pragmatics meanings. The research has three aims. The first is to find the direct and indirect words and phrases, as well as the sentences which are used by males and females in expressing emotions. The second is to figure out the most dominant word class which is used in expressing emotions on Facebook statuses. Then, the last is to reveal the most dominant emotion which is expressed by males and females on Facebook statuses. 30 males’ Facebook statuses and 30 females’ Facebook statuses are collected to be analyzed qualitatively. The results show that there are various direct and indirect words and phrases, as well as sentences which are used by males and females in expressing emotions through Facebook statuses. Then, most of the emotion words which are used both by males and females on their Facebook statuses are adjectives. Lastly, anger is found as the most dominant emotion expressed by males, while gratitude is the most dominant emotion expressed by females.

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Emotion, Facebook status, semantics meaning, pragmatics meaning