ABSTRACT

Nowadays there are many movies starred by Black people who speak AAVE dialect. The presence of these movies has brought refreshment to the audience. However, because of the differences between African American Vernacular English (AAVE) and Standard English in the field of syntactical and lexical features, non-African American audience often find difficulties in getting the message of what the characters try to say. For that reason this thesis is composed; to provide information to the readers about the characteristics of syntactical and lexical features of AAVE. Meanwhile, the subtitles of Are We Done Yet are used as the data to make further explanation of the characteristics differences between AAVE and Standard English. From 95 AAVE sentences found in the subtitles, only 1 or 2 sentences will be analyzed in each of the syntactical classification. Even though not all the syntactical and lexical features characteristics appear in the subtitles, however other syntactical and lexical characteristics are found. These findings have led to the fact that AAVE has richness in its unique characteristics, and that makes the movie become more interesting to be watched.

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