ABSTRACT

A Thesis

Refusal Strategies to a Date Invitation between Batakne and Females

The thesis investigates the refusal strategies that are used by two different ethnics, Batakne and Javanese. The respondents consist of fifteen Batakne females and fifteen Javanese females. The aim of the study, which focuses on the ethnicity, is to identify the similarities and differences of the refusal strategies used by Batakne and Javanese. The subject of refusal strategy is a date invitation. In analyzing the data, the writer applies the theory of refusal strategies by Carmen Garcia (1989) and Kartomihardjo (1993) as the main theories. Besides, the writer also uses the theory of Janet Holmes about ethnicity and social distance. The study is conducted by qualitative and quantitative method. From the data analysis, the writer discovers that Batakne females are more direct than Javanese females. Moreover, the writer discovers these two ethnics use the same strategy that is reason/explanation as the most acceptable strategy.

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*Refusal strategies, ethnics, date invitation, Batakne, Javanese*