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Abstract

African American Vernacular English is quite different from Standard American English in several things. This variety of language appears in *The Help* film written by Kathryn Stockett. Almost all of the characters in that film are women and the chosen-main-character are two female African-American maids, Minny Jackson and Aibileen. The author conducts this research to find out the use of AAVE linguistic features of Minny Jackson's utterance. The author used Rickford and Rickford's theory (2000) and Bailey and Thomas (1998) as the two-main theories to do a research about AAVE linguistic. Qualitative approach is used in analyzing the AAVE linguistic features of Aibileen and Minny Jackson through a film which has never been done by the previous students in English Department. The results show that the most frequent appeared morphological and syntactic linguistic features of Aibileen and Minny goes to the group of zero copula (20.55%) which occurred 52 times and the group of features shared by other English dialects reaches the highest number of phonological linguistic features (44.26%) which occurred 112 times.

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