

Abstract

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Swear words are always stigmatized negatively by the society. However, we also know that swear words are there inside every culture. The use of swear words seems to have shifted from only defining anything negative into being accepted to be used in any contexts. That is also what happens to Surabaya people, especially Bonek community, a community of thousands of people who support Persebaya, Surabaya soccer club. The members of Bonek community are already known to be the speakers of swear words. From their way of using swear words, we can clearly see that swear words for them can serve many functions which are very different from their former functions.

Using the qualitative approach which requires natural settings, the writer attempts to see how the teenage members of Bonek community use the swear words and what functions the words serve. The writer will use the theory of swear words classifications by Jay Timothy and theory of swear words' functions by Andersson and Trudgill to analyze the data.

The result shows that out of ten types of swear words proposed by Jay, seven types occur. The swear words occur are never related to religion. The result also shows that from four functions of swear words proposed by Andersson and Trudgill, all of the functions are used by the members. It shows that the functions of swear words have really shifted as the speakers use it for many other purposes like abuse the hearers, help the speaker feel relieved, humor, and it also can be just someone's way of speaking.

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