Abstract

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This study aims at examining request sequences in Javanese conversation used by students in English Department Faculty of Humanities Airlangga University. Using the theory of Schegloff (2007) about Conversation Analysis, the writer wants to see the characteristics of request sequences which are used in Javanese conversation. The writer finds that Javanese requests do not completely agree with English requests proposed by Schegloff (1995). This study is expected to give meaningful contribution in linguistic studies, especially conversation analysis which concerns with the pattern or structure of request sequences in Javanese conversation. This study is also viewed as cross-cultural study (Sidnell, 2009). As well as English requests proposed by Schegloff, Javanese requests also have sequence orders. Moreover preferred responses in Javanese requests are short and to the point. However, the occurrences of requests in Javanese conversations are more often done without pre-request. It also can be inferred from this research that the requests and responses are usually in direct forms in Javanese language.

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