ABSTRACT

Slips of the tongue are speech phenomena about unintentional occurrence of some uttered mistakes which result utterances are different from intended message. These phenomena may occur in anyone’s speech and in any situations, including preschoolers in informal situations. In this study, the writer intends to identify and categorize types of slips of the tongue appeared in preschoolers’ conversations with mothers in Bahasa Indonesia and discover the most frequent type of their slips. The writer used 12 preschoolers, consisting of 4 preschoolers for each age of 4, 5, and 6 years old, who live in Surabaya. Each participant was recorded for 3 times by using an audio-visual recording with the duration of 5-7 minutes per recording. By using a qualitative approach, the data were analyzed based on Harley (2001)’s slips of the tongue. The result reveals that totally 64 slips appeared in preschoolers’ utterances. From the total slips, there are 47 slips categorized into Harley’s types, such as phoneme anticipation, phoneme perseveration, affix deletion, phoneme deletion and word substitution. Word substitution is the most frequent type of the preschoolers’ slips occurred for 18 times. Besides, the writer also found some slips in other types, such as phoneme insertion, affix addition and feature substitution. In addition, when slips appeared, the preschoolers sometimes realized their slips and sometimes did not.

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