

ABSTRACT

This study compares the internet language features and dictions of the tweets of Mariah Carey as an adult and Ariana Grande as youth. Twitter is one of the biggest social media carrying the hybrid language; a written form that looks like spoken language. The characters of the users such as age will reflect vividly on linguistic choice of its social media account. This study used mixed-method approach to analyze the data. Tweets produced by both singers in November 2015 were collected as corpus data by purposive sampling. This study aims at comparing the internet language features and diction of two different age groups; youth and adult. The internet language features were analyzed based on the eleven common features of digital writing based on Danet. The results showed Mariah Carey's most frequent features are abbreviation, capital letters, and emoticons. Ariana Grande's most frequent features are emoticons, all lower case, and abbreviation. Mariah Carey's features are more conventional than Ariana Grande's. Ariana Grande's features are in newer form and more varied rather than Mariah Carey. The results in diction showed that the dictions of Ariana Grande's more varied than Mariah Carey. Most of the nouns and verbs are appropriate for their age. However, the adjectives and adverbs are mostly not appropriate for their age group. Ariana Grande's dictions contained more slang and non-standard spelling rather than Mariah Carey. Mariah Carey's dictions overall is related to the promotion and less involved to feelings. Meanwhile, Ariana Grande's dictions overall is related to sharing feelings and engaged to the followers.

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