

ABSTRACT

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This research is aimed at examining the maintenance of Batak language through language socialization within Bataknese families in Mojokerto. The descriptive ethnographic approach was used in this research. Interview, questionnaires, observation, and syllabus and reference book study were used to collect the data. The participants were 4 families of Bataknese domiciled in Mojokerto. The result of this study shows that parents of bataknese families have high value of maintaining Batak language. They have many ways to socialize the language to their children such as using language transmission within the home and joining Bataknese gathering. Within the home, the parents provide time to interact with their children using Batak language. Although there are code switches among them, but Batak language always use within the home. Creating special days for speaking Batak language and singing Bataknese traditional songs become parts of transmitting the language. These efforts are done because they realize that Bataknese is a minority society in Mojokerto. They have to maintain Batak language as their traditional language to show their identity in the centre of major society.

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