

CHAPTER IV

C O N C L U S I O N

In many societies, we can find the existence of slang language along together with the formal languages. In Malang, for example, there is a slang language which is called Malang slang. This slang has survived for over 40 years -- since it was created in 1950 until now -- and is used by the people of various ages. Anyway, the attitude of them towards Malang slang were different, as showed by the scores of the attitude scales. In this scales, the higher the score, the more positive the attitude, and in the contrary, the lower the score, the more negative the attitude.

From the presentation and analysis of the data, we could see that the average scores gained by the four group succesively from the lowest to the highest were 29.63, 39.57, 41.83, and 46.7. They were the scores of the first, second, third, and fourth group respectively. Thus, we

knew that from all of the age-groups, the youngest age-group had the lowest score while the oldest age group had the highest. As the age-group older, the score higher; and vice versa, as the age-group younger, the score lower. It meant that the older the age-group, the more positive the attitude, and in reverse the younger the age-group, the more negative the attitude. Based on the attitude, we could conclude that the condition of Malang slang declines, since the younger had more negative/unfavourable attitude towards Malang slang than the older.

There were many factors for the decline. They might be:

1. The Sense of Belonging

The older people have high sense of belonging towards Malang slang, since they closed to -- even they might live in -- the time when Malang slang was created, diversified, and disseminated. The younger people -- did not have any contribution in creating and developing the slang -- did not have such a sense.

2. The Reason of Using Malang Slang

According to the older people, the major reason of Malang slang use was to show the identity of Malang people. Malang slang was more than the ordinary slang language, since it became the symbolization of Malang people identity. The fact made these people place Malang slang paralel with other standard language - Indonesian and Javanese - even some of them considered it higher than Javanese. On the other hand, for the younger age-group, the major reason of the Malang slang was just to have fun. Thus, they considered the slang as an 'under-language' which was lower than Javanese.

3. The Change of Formation

There were differences in the formation of Malang slang words between the past and today. Formerly, it was complicated and had many rules. Thus, to speak and understand Malang slang was not an easy one. Someone needed to know the rules entirely to do them. This difficulty raised the speaker's pride. Anyway, today people tend to simplify the form of Malang slang words.

They do not obey the rules. To make a slang word, they just simply reverse the the word. This simplicity makes Malang slang can be used by anyone. The pride of the speakers fades, which then implies to their attitude.