ABSTRACT

This study is a descriptive study about the quality of English vowels spoken by some Junior High School students whose mother tongue is Javanese. In advance, the writer had made pre-assumptions that there will be an interference of Javanese vowels toward the quality of the English ones when they speak English. Here, he wants to know whether or not his pre-assumptions are proved. The pre-assumptions made are based on the nature of Javanese vowels—In Javanese, the regularity of the occurrence of its vowels occurs in the final syllable.

There were five Junior High School Students at the informants. They are selected based on some qualifications. The writer had them read 20 sentences where the observed vowels are there. Their pronunciations were recorded on the audio tape.

From the observation, the writer discovered that the pre-assumptions were not proved totally—some are proved, some are not. The vowel qualities they spoke are not only interfered by Javanese vowels but also by some other aspects. The position of Indonesian as their national language also interferes as well as their confusion about irregularity of the occurrence of the English vowels.

