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### ABSTRACT

This study aims at determining the lexical items related to gender categories. The data are taken from the grammar book entitled *Understanding and Using English Grammar* by Betty Schramper Azar. This grammar book has been used widely all over the world and is the compulsory textbook at the English department of Airlangga University. The writer investigates the words that Azar chooses in making sentences in her book. The words are related to the gender categories. The gender categories are divided into social gender and lexical gender according to Fuertes-Olivera (2007). The words analyzed are the nouns and the verbs because they are the main word classes in the English language. These nouns and verbs are classified according to Dixon (2005). According to Dixon's theory, nouns are classified into five: *concrete reference, abstract reference, states and properties, activities* and *speech acts*; whereas, verbs are divided into Primary A and Primary B. The data are analyzed using the corpus software called AntConc. The result shows that Azar tries to show gender equity relating men to more nouns that are associated with family members. Azar also tries to show the gender equity by relating both the words job and works to both men and women. The same result is obtained for verbs, in which Azar associated more active verbs with women than men.

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# **CHAPER I**

# **INTRODUCTION**