Abstract

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People have discussed and researched the relationship between gender and politeness in several studies. In terms of politeness there is a general assumption that women are more polite than men. Based on the assumption above, the writer is interested in conducting a study about the relationship between one's sex and his/her choice of politeness strategies. In this study, the writer intends to find out whether there are similarities and differences between politeness strategies used by male and those used by female students of Tourism Department in making request and what kinds of similarities and differences that occur in the politeness strategies used by the male and female students of Tourism Department in making request. As suggested by Brown and Levinson, politeness strategies are divided into four: Bald On Record, Positive Politeness, Negative Politeness, and Off-Record. The writer distributes questionnaires to the students of Tourism Department, Unair. After doing the analysis, the writer finds that there are similarities and differences in the politeness strategies used by the male and those used by the female students of Tourism Department. The similarities lie on the choice of the politeness strategy that is used by those students. The politeness strategies used by the students, from the highest to the lowest level, are Negative Politeness (N.P), Positive Politeness (P.P), Bald On Record (BOR), and Off-Record (OR). The differences lie on the proportion of the politeness strategies used by those students. The male students use Negative Politeness (N.P) and Bald On Record (BOR) more frequently than the female students do. Meanwhile, the female students use Positive Politeness (P.P) and Off-Record more frequently than the male students do.

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