

ABSTRACT

There is a usual case for Surabayan people who speak slander words in their conversation. It is because slander words are famous words to show their identity or characteristics of Surabayan people. There is no research about the use of slander words among people who come from out-side Surabaya. Based on this point of view the writer tries to describe this problem in specific way. It means that the writer only focused on students of Electrical Engineering of ITS who come from out-side Surabaya. Besides, it also becomes a limitation of this research.

The use of language is closely related to social contexts. In this case, social context is viewed from a particular occasion which refers to situational variation. And the factors of situational communication are participants, setting, topics and task or purpose.

Participants are the people involved in the conversation. So participants in a communication are speaker, and listeners. The speaker is obviously students of Electrical Engineering who come from outside Surabaya and the listeners are based on the gender. friends who have intimate relationships, age, etc, such as men, women, closefriend, friends from the

same department, from the same faculty or from the same university, younger people, older people, etc.

Setting is the time and the place. Here the time is influenced by situation where the conversation takes place. Usually students speak slander words when they are in the campus doing their activities, such as relaxing in cafe, in laboratory, in class, in corridor of the campus or when they are doing their report, studying, doing lab work, etc.

Topics are the subject matters. What are they talking about when they use slander words in their conversation? Here, the most interesting one is about relaxation topic. They are easy to say slander words if they are in atmosphere of relaxation. Besides, they also say slander words if the topic is about lectures and lab work. On the other hand, there are some students who still consider that they will speak slander words if they are in emotion.

Task is the goal or purpose of the communication. Students of Electrical Engineering who come from out-side Surabaya speak slander words only when they want to build relationships or solidarity among them. The expression of joke, anger and happiness are also the purposes of speaking slander words.

After we know the use of slander words among students of Electrical Engineering who come from outside Surabaya, it would be better if we know their opinion about slander words. Do they still consider that those words are taboo in their ears? The answer is those words are not taboo as long as they are used in certain occasion.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION