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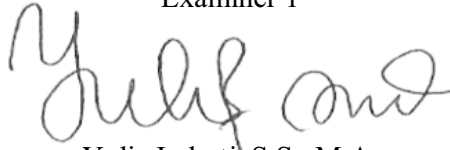
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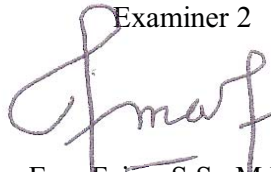
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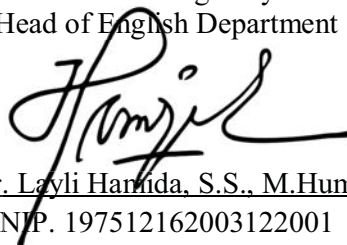
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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

MM : Meghan Markle

OW : Oprah Winfrey

PH : Prince Harry

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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini mempelajari perkataan Meghan Markle dalam sebuah *talk show* berjudul *Oprah with Meghan and Harry* yang ditayangkan pada bulan Maret 2021. Dengan menggunakan teori dari Jennifer Coates (2013) dan metode konten analisis, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menemukan tipe dan fungsi *women's linguistic features* dalam tuturan Meghan Markle dan juga strateginya dalam menunjukkan *conversation cooperativeness*. Selama acara, perkataan Meghan Markle memunculkan tujuh *women's linguistic features*. Fitur-fitur tersebut adalah *hedges* (37,72%), *minimal responses* (37,72%), *tag questions* (15,57%), *questions* (4,19%), *swearing and taboo language* (2,40%), *compliments* (1,20%), dan juga *commands and directives* (1,20%). Fitur-fitur tersebut kebanyakan difungsikan oleh Meghan Markle untuk mengekspresikan pendapatnya dengan yakin, menunjukkan dukungan, dan juga kesopanan. Beberapa fitur ditemukan *powerful* dan menunjukkan *cooperativeness* Meghan. Kesimpulan studi ini sejalan dengan hasil studi terdahulu bahwa sosok wanita yang kuat tetap menggunakan *women's linguistic features* untuk menjaga citranya sebagai wanita.

Kata Kunci: *powerful and powerless language; talk show; women's linguistic features*

ABSTRACT

This study examined Meghan Markle's utterances during the *Oprah with Meghan and Harry* talk show that was aired by CBS in March 2021. Using the theory of women's linguistic feature from Jennifer Coates (2013) and content analysis research design, this study identified and searched for the functions of the features from the transcription of Meghan Markle's utterances during the interview and discovered the linguistic features found in Meghan Markle's utterances and her strategies to indicate her conversation cooperativeness. In the interview, Meghan Markle produced 167 utterances that contain seven of Coates' (2013) women's linguistic features. Those features are hedges (37.72%), minimal responses (37.72%), tag questions (15.57%), questions (4.19%), swearing and taboo language (2.40%), compliments (1.20%), as well as commands and directives (1.20%). Those features mainly serve the functions for Meghan to express her confidence, show support, and express politeness. Some features are found powerful, considering the function, and indicated Meghan's cooperativeness. The conclusion of this study is in line with the previous studies' findings that powerful female figures still employ women's linguistic features and the motive is to maintain their femininity regardless of the power that they have.

Keywords: *powerful and powerless language; talk show; women's linguistic features*