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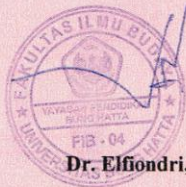
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ABSTRACT

This research aims at describing the apologizing expression in *Confession of a shopaholic* movie by using pragmatic approach. Here, the writer analyzed the expression and strategy of apologizing in *Confession of a shopaholic* movie. This study uses qualitative method. Some theories used were based on Searle (1976), Leech (1983), Holmes (1990), Goffman (1971), Olshtain and Cohen (1983). The writer represents the data analysis in descriptive paragraph. The findings of the research are some expressions and the strategy of apology. There are many expressions of apology in different context. There are five types of apology strategy, and the writer only found two strategies, such as: An expression of apology (an expression of regret, an offer of apology, a request for forgiveness), and an explanation or account the situation. There are four types of context, but two types are more dominant to influence the emotional expression of apology in this movie, they are: physical context and linguistic context.

Keywords: The expression of apology, strategy of apology, context

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problem

Language has an important role for communication. People can express their thoughts, ideas, desires, knowledge, and also feelings through language. By using language people can also perform acts. It can even be used to maintain a social relationship. Language can be used to keep relationship with others. It also can express the feelings such as sad, happy, angry, afraid, lonely, and guilty. People use language to greet others, to make compliment, and to make an apology. For example, when people use the language to hurt someone, for instance by mocking, scolding, intimidating or accusing. As a result, people must apologize when they hurt someone else. An apology refers to show feeling guilty and realize that make a mistake Goffman (1971). It is used to create harmony between a speaker and hearer.

Leech (1983) said that the act of apologizing is a convivial speech act, the goal of which coincides with the social goal of maintaining harmony between speaker and hearer. Apology is an expressive illocutionary act. Expressive is the way person express the feeling. According to Searle (1976) expressive includes acts in which the words state what the speaker feels, such as apologizing, praising, congratulating, deploring, and regretting. Expressive is closely related with the emotional expression. And the research focuses on apologizing expression. Apology is an expression of regret for having done or said something wrong.

In daily life or in literary work usually happened of emotional expression, such as in a novel, poem, and also movie. Movie is a sequence of picture projected on a screen from a developed and prepared film especially with an accompanying sound track. It is one of the products of human with literature terms. Movie is a type of visual communication which use moving pictures and sound tell stories of to give information to audience.

There are so many types of movie, such as romantic, drama, actions, and comedy. For some people, fun movie can make them laugh, and also sad movie can make them cry, or feel afraid. One of the movies that use so many form of emotional expression is *Confession of a shopaholic* movie, by P.J Hogan, based on Shopaholic series of novels by Sophie Kinsella that release on June 23, 2009. There are so many emotional expressions that can be found in this movie, especially apologizing expression. The example below is taken from *Confession of a shopaholic* movie.

Luke Brandon : Ms. Bloomwood.
Rebecca : I'm not a pervert
Luke : Sit down!
Rebecca : **I'm sorry**. I'm terrible at interviews.

For the example above, the situation is interview between Rebecca Bloomwood (speaker) and Luke Bramdon (hearer). Rebecca walk approach the painting behind Luke and try to make a joke. But Luke is getting angry with her and orders her to sit down. Rebecca says "**I'm sorry**" for her attitude because she feels terrible at interviews and try kill her nervousness. Rebecca expresses her

apology by saying “**I’m sorry. I’m terrible at interviews**”, it means Rebecca realize that she has make a mistake and feels guilty.

The writer is interested to analyzed apologizing expression in *Confession of a shopaholic* movie because this movie contains of expression and apology strategy. The movie tells about a girl who really loves shopping, because of her habit she have a lot of debt. She is repent at all and tries to pay her debt. The story of this movie is about romantic and comedy.

1.2 Problem Limitation

There are so many types of speech act that can be analyzed, including expression, and expression include of emotional expressions. But in this research the writer focused on speech act of apology. Emotional expression can be analyzed from literary works, but the writer focused in *Confession of a shopaholic* movie. In this research the writer found the expression and the strategy of apologizing expression, and takes the data from *Confession of a shopaholic* movie by P.J Hogan.

1.3 Research Questions

There are many types of speech act that can be analyses in *Confession of a shopaholic* movie, such as directive, declaration, commisive, representatives, and expressive. But the writer focused on emotional expression of apology.

The writer formulates the problem into the following questions:

- 1) What are the expressions of apologizing used in *Confession of a shopaholic* movie?
- 2) What are the strategies of apology used in *Confession of a shopaholic* movie?

1.4 The Purpose of the Research

The purposes of the research are:

- 1) To analysis the expressions of apologizing as used in *Confession of a shopaholic* movie.
- 2) To analysis the apology strategy used in *Confession of a shopaholic* movie.

1.5 Significance of the Research

The writer hopes that this research will give contribution and development to linguistics studies, especially in emotional expression. The writer also hopes that the reader interested in studying about speech act of apology. Moreover the writer hopes the research can help the reader to understand the meaning of emotional expression of apology in a movie, because not all the words about apology it means to ask apology. For example: "I'm sorry to hear your father is death". The meaning of the words is not asking apology, but to show sad feeling. Even there is "sorry" in that sentence but it does not mean apology.