ABSTRACT


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In Sociolinguistics, language and gender have a tight relation when women or men speak or communicate each other. So, it can raise a question whether the language used by men and women are different. Holmes (2013:159) said that women are more linguistically polite than men, for instance, the women and men emphasize different speech function. To study the differences between women and men language, so this study chooses Pasar Bawang Dringu Probolinggo, because the place has women as major workers and often occur gossip and taboo language phenomena. The object of this research is conversation script of women and men employee in three warehouses in Pasar Bawang Dringu Probolinggo. The women and men have language characteristics, especially in gossip and using politeness and taboo language. There are three objective of the study in this study: (1) To find out what are the women language characteristics in gossip, politeness and taboo language used in Pasar Bawang Dringu probolinggo, (2) To find out what are the men language characteristics in gossip, politeness and taboo language used in Pasar Bawang Dringu probolinggo, (3) To analyze what are the different between women and men language characteristics in gossip, politeness and taboo language used in Pasar Bawang Dringu probolinggo.

This research uses theory of Jennifer Coates on gender differences in conversational practice with the using of some language characteristics, in this research, only focused on gossip, politeness and taboo language. The research design of this study is qualitative descriptive method. Then, it uses data collection method by Sudaryanto to collect the data by using observation method with uses recording and transcribing technique. In data analysis method this study uses identity method. In data validity method, this study uses rechecking of expert. In data analysis description method, this study use formal and informal method.

The results of this study are, there are different topics of gossip between women and men. The women and men gossip can be positive or negative issues that can appear a conflict or not. Although women or men, like use taboo language.