ABSTRACT

The main problem of this thesis is the use of English swearing language in 6th semester female students of English Department of BINUS UNIVERSITY. The academic backgrounds, such as sociolinguistics and metaphor that make the writer choose the respondents from 6th semester students. The method in conducting this thesis is doing quantitative method through distributing questionnaires to the respondents. The procedure of collecting data is distributing the first questionnaire, and then sorting the swearing words from the results. After having some sorted swearing words, the writer distributes the second questionnaire which contains the sorted swearing words from the first questionnaire. Disappointed and an intimate relationship become the reasons for the respondents to swear, while the swearing word of ‘damn’ becomes the mostly used by the respondents. ‘Dog’ and ‘pig’ have the highest number of respondent in animal metaphor. The writer concludes that 6th semester female students of English Department of BINUS UNIVERSITY will swear if they have an intimate relationship with the addressee, for example the third addressee. Besides, they are triggered by the relieving feeling, such as disappointed. The word of ‘damn’ indicates that the characteristic of swearing language from the respondents is softer swearing words. ‘Dog’ and ‘pig’ become the respondents’ characteristic in comparing someone to animal.

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