ABSTRACT

The purposes of this study are to find out youngsters’ and oldsters’ writing style based on morphological process of word formation, spelling, and the choice of words to express emotive feelings in text messages. The data are obtained from field research. The writer does the research by collecting and selecting text messages for 6 months from 10 youngster and 10 oldster respondents and finally obtains certain words, and the kind of word which express 5 emotive feelings through youngsters’ and oldsters’ text messaging. Some related references to the problems such as sociolinguistics, semantics and morphology are gathered by the writer to support the research through the library research. It is concluded that youngsters tend to spell the sound of the words in their writing style, while such style is not found in oldsters’ data. Regarding the use of slang words it is found out that it happens among youngsters only and none of the oldsters use those slang words.

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