

ABSTRACT

This research is to find the sexist expressions in a novel entitled *The Handmaid's Tale*. It aims to find the sexist expressions used in the novel based on three criteria of sexist language which are non-parallel structure, lexical asymmetry and generic words ('he', 'she'). The respondents' age ranges between eighteen and twenty. The methods of this research are library and quantitative research. There are twenty five respondents, fourth semester students of English Department in Binus University, Jakarta. The results of the research show that more than 50% of students, including male and female know about masculine and feminine word form, and less than 50% of the students do not understand about sexist expressions.

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