ABSTRACT

There are two kinds of human being: female and male. Together they are the society. But the society seems to be more conscious about the male than the female's role. This difference in those roles can generate the discussion of female and male language. This research tried to find characteristics of Female and Male language. Ten respondents of this research were grade 8 students of Binus International School Simprug. Five respondents were girls and the others were boys. Building foundation of this thesis, the writer used two kinds of research methods. First was library research and the second was field research. Library research used to write the theoretical review. The field research used to collect data. The instrument used to collect the data was interview. After the data collected, the writer continued using qualitative research. The analysis used three theories of gender language; Robin Lakoff, Peter Trudgill, and Florian Coulmas’ theories. The result of this research is some theories can be applicative to Indonesian society. That is because English is not the mother tongue of Indonesian, so the three theories are not absolute to ESL students in this case.

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