ABSTRACT

There are some factors in second language acquisition, and one of them is the role of first language. Since Bahasa Indonesia has different pronouns from English, the writer intends to do a research about analyzing the influences of Indonesian pronouns on English pronouns. The goal of the study is to find out how far the influences exist. The respondents consist of 30 first semester English students of Binus University who meet the qualifications of the research. This study focuses on six categories of Indonesian and English pronouns: personal, possessive, demonstrative, relative, interrogative, and indefinite pronouns. The writer distributes Indonesian and English pronoun tests along with the questionnaires to the respondents. The result of the two tests is analyzed quantitatively, while the questionnaires are analyzed qualitatively. From the quantitative analysis, the writer discovers that the result of the tests shows that there is no significant impact of Indonesian pronouns on English pronouns. Meanwhile, the qualitative analysis shows that Indonesian pronouns do have such influences on the students’ use of English pronouns. Finally, the writer finds that the best solution to reduce the mistakes commonly occurred among Binus English students in using English pronouns; due to the influence of Indonesian pronouns (or any other factors) on English pronouns is by increasing the knowledge of English pronouns through teaching methodology.

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