

ABSTRACT

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This paper is aimed to describe the usage of vague expression Oprah Winfrey show. It analysed the common types of vague expression used by the guests as well as the reason of its use in *Oprah Winfrey Show: Michael Jackson talks to Oprah Winfrey* as well as *J.K. Rowling talks to Oprah Winfrey*. The researcher was interested in this topic because in a conversation people usually say random words which do not specifically refer to, according to Channell this is called as vague language. The research problems of this research are what are the common types of vague expressions use by Michael Jackson and J.K. Rowling and for what reason the vague expressions are used based on Michael Jackson and J.K. Rowling's utterances in Oprah Winfrey Show. The researcher focus on the transcript of both conversations by applied descriptive qualitative method.

The result showed that man used vague expressions more often than woman did, it was as found that Michael Jackson used 51 words which was identified as vague expressions in his utterances with the highest used are the expressions that introduce fuzziness. Meanwhile, 36 data was found in J.K. Rowling's utterances with hedge as the most vague expressions used. The vague expressions in both conversation was used to violate maxim of quantity, maxim of quality, maxim of relation, and maxim of manner. It taken place because both Michael Jackson and J.K. Rowling broke the rules of conversation based on Grice's cooperative principle.

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Penelitian ini dimaksudkan untuk memberikan gambaran tentang penggunaan *vague expression* di acara Oprah Winfrey Show. Penelitian ini menganalisis tentang jenis-jenis umum dari *vague expressions* yang digunakan oleh bintang tamu serta alasan dari penggunaannya di acara *Oprah Winfrey Show: Michael Jackson talks to Oprah Winfrey* as well as *J.K. Rowling talks to Oprah Winfrey*. Peneliti tertarik pada topik ini karena dalam sebuah percakapan, orang-orang kadang mengatakan kata-kata secara asal dan tidak jelas merujuk pada hal apa, menurut Channell jenis kata-kata tersebut disebut dengan istilah *vague language*. Masalah dari penelitian ini adalah jenis-jenis *vague expressions* apa saja yang digunakan oleh Michael Jackson dan J.K. Rowling dan untuk alasan apa *vague expressions* digunakan dalam percakapan yang didasarkan pada tuturan Michael Jackson dan juga J.K. Rowling. Peneliti fokus pada transkrip dari kedua penutur dengan menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif.

Hasilnya menunjukkan bahwa laki-laki menggunakan *vague expressions* lebih banyak dari pada perempuan, hal ini seperti yang ditemukan bahwa Michael Jackson menggunakan 51 kata yang diidentifikasi sebagai *vague expression* dalam tuturannya dengan jenis penggunaan terbanyak adalah *expression that introduce fuzziness*. Sedangkan hanya 36 data yang ditemukan dalam tuturan J.K. Rowling dengan *hedge* sebagai jenis yang paling sering digunakan. Dalam kedua percakapan tersebut *vague expressions* digunakan untuk melanggar *maxim of quantity*, *maxim quality*, *maxim of relation*, dan *maxim of manner*. Hal ini terjadi karena baik Michael Jackson maupun J.K. Rowling telah melanggar aturan percakapan yang didasarkan pada *Grice's cooperative principle*.

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