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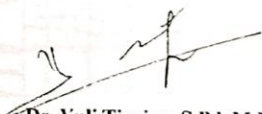
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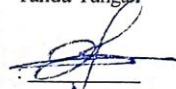
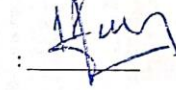

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ABSTRACT

Sofyan, Camelia. 2023. *Types and Functions of Euphemisms in Minangkabaunese Used by Adults in Ulakan Tapakis*. Fakultas Bahasa dan Seni. Universitas Negeri Padang.

This study focused on the euphemisms in Minangkabaunese used by adults in Ulakan Tapakis which analyzes the types and functions. This research used the descriptive qualitative method, which describes the data that the researcher collected in the form of sentences with the exact meaning possible. The data were euphemism utterances in the form of word, phrase, and sentence uttered by Minangkabaunese adults in Ulakan Tapakis. The researcher found that from all seven types of euphemism, the Adults of Ulakan Tapakis society often euphemism with word or phrase dealing with harsh word or sensitive words, which directed at characters and circumstance euphemism, obituary/incident euphemism, bodily part, diseases of euphemism, activity, occupation, and also things and animals. The researcher also found from five functions of euphemism, the society often used euphemism with the word or phrase for polite function, hide something, also for refuse danger.

Key words: Euphemism, types and function of euphemism, Minangkabaunese

ABSTRAK

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Penelitian ini berfokus pada jenis dan fungsi eufemisme dalam bahasa Minangkabau yang digunakan oleh orang dewasa di Ulakan Tapakis. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif, yaitu mendeskripsikan data yang dikumpulkan peneliti dalam bentuk kalimat-kalimat dengan makna yang setepat mungkin. Data yang digunakan adalah ujaran eufemisme berupa kata, frasa, dan kalimat yang diucapkan oleh orang dewasa Minangkabau dalam bahasa Ulakan Tapakis. Peneliti menemukan bahwa dari ketujuh jenis eufemisme tersebut, masyarakat Ulakan Tapakis Dewasa sering melakukan eufemisme dengan kata atau frasa yang berhubungan dengan kata-kata kasar atau kata-kata sensitif, yang ditujukan pada eufemisme karakter dan keadaan, eufemisme berita kematian/peristiwa, bagian tubuh, penyakit, aktivitas, pekerjaan, serta eufemisme pada benda dan hewan. Peneliti juga menemukan bahwa dari lima fungsi eufemisme, masyarakat sering menggunakan tiga fungsi eufemisme dengan kata atau frasa untuk fungsi sopan, menyembunyikan sesuatu, juga untuk menolak bahaya.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research Problem

Language is a tool to express thoughts. People share and deliver messages in various ways with communications in verbal and non-verbal, or speaking, writing, and signing are only a few of the many various ways that language can be expressed. It is a fundamental human trait that promotes social contact, spreads culture and knowledge, and expresses both individual and group identities. Almost 7,000 different languages are currently spoken worldwide, which further illustrates how diverse languages are. Every language has its own set of rules and conventions that are influenced by the cultural, historical, and social settings in which it is used. The case or situation causes the difference in language in communication. In communication, people also have various ways. One of the many ways to communicate or convey an expression in language is by using euphemisms.

Nusri and Mubarak (2022) state euphemism can be said as a style of language that becomes a better communication tool and avoids important actions or things that are sensitive. Euphemism also can be defined as a word or phrase which replaces what is claimed as taboo, harsh, rude, offensive, or impolite. A good way to communicate with someone is to use polite language and refrain from rude or nasty terminology. To ensure that there is good communication between all parties, the

communicator must utilize polite language. Every person should utilize euphemisms to avoid insulting or unpleasant language so that we can avoid using words that could damage one another, spark a disagreement, or even generate a debate.

According to Eni (2018), euphemism is also an element of habituation in using language properly, making it a crucial component of culture. In language there are many styles of language that are spoken and used to refine the meaning conveyed with euphemisms, even this euphemism can become a culture that is widely used today. It was supported by Rosa (2012), that euphemism is difficult to separate from culture and even euphemism can also characterize a culture. As previously said, euphemisms are words or phrases that are used in place of crude, insulting, or taboo language. The idea of euphemism varies depending on the concept of taboo in each community because it differs from society to society. As it's a euphemism is a sort of reference within the form of non-offensive expressions of humans' feelings or subtle expressions to update references that may be felt insulting, offensive or recommend something unpleasant.

Euphemism is an expression or gentle language by avoiding words that are interpreted as phrasing or softening language by avoiding harsh or lacking words to maintain politeness. The function of euphemism is to smooth the meaning of a word or sentence to be more polite and not give the impression of offending others. There is a certain way it is used to convey that negative information is used. It is still conveyed but does not

offend the recipient. One of the methods used is to use the style of euphemistic language as a kind of reference in the form of subtle expressions to replace references that may be perceived as offensive, insulting, or suggest something unpleasant. The use of euphemisms serves to avoid misunderstandings in communication. Regularly, the media will discuss sensitive issues including sex, religion, death, and excretion. Certain words and phrases that society views as taboo and offensive are utilized when talking about these subjects. This will make it difficult for the conversation to flow naturally because it will be uncomfortable to talk about. Suhadi et al (2021) say that euphemism and language politeness are closely related. If the topic should be discussed and still needs to be debated in society, whether you want it to or not, then difficulties will multiply. Therefore, it is impossible to describe these subjects without using euphemisms.

There are various kinds of studies related to euphemisms that occur in various domains. The first study was written by Ramadhani and Jufrizal (2022) conducted research about types and interpretative function of euphemism in Minangkabau language especially in Pariaman. The result is the most frequently of the data was in adults of euphemism in disgusting things and animals, and for the teenagers only found four types for characters of euphemism.

Second, there was a study conducted by Fauzy, Husein and Sumarsih (2019) which is about the euphemism in Sambah Manyambah tradition of Minangnese wedding ceremony. The result of this study was since the

society existence is lack of appreciation today, the tradition undergoes significant changes; therefore, the model of the research will take the euphemism to the tradition has been created and is hopefully accepted by local communities.

Third, there was a study conducted by Karnaen, Anayati and Mulia (2023) about commucative functions of euphemism in minang language as a reflection of easters traditional. The result of this study was the research uses a semantic approach, identifying the form of euphemism in Minang Language.

As a result, the study of euphemism has been done in many different angles with different literary work objects, areas, and texts. It seemed essential to conduct research on types and function of euphemisms in Ulakan Tapakis because there are some differences between this research and the previous studies. Furthermore, this research of types and function of euphemism in adults is important because it is a form of how to maintain the local language that is widely used by the Ulakan Tapakis community. As a language that is widely used by the community but traditional language that rarely used by other regions and also this regional language does not become extinct, it is necessary to record it, and also the researcher originally from that region and know enough the condition of the development of language in the area that is aim of the research, so the Ulakan Tapakis area needs to conduct further research on euphemism to future generations can preserve their local language.

1.2 Identification of the Research Problem

The phenomena of euphemism can be analyzed not only in sociolinguistic studies, but also in semantic, morphology and anthropological linguistics. Analyzing euphemism in sociolinguistics can be analyzed by the relationship between euphemism and social variables in society such as age, gender, social status, etc. In semantics can be done through the meaning of each word/sentence in euphemism. In anthropological linguistics, euphemism can be analyzed through the relationship between euphemism and culture in society. In morphology euphemism can be analyzed through the part of speech of euphemism. For this study, researcher use sociolinguistic and semantic points of view which find out the types and function of using euphemisms in Minangkabaunese by adults in Ulakan Tapakis.

1.3 Limitation of the Research Problem

This study focused on the euphemisms in Minangkabaunese used by adults in Ulakan Tapakis which analysts the types and functions. This study analyzed the phenomenon of euphemism based on sociolinguistic and semantic studies. The research classified the use of euphemism into seven categories, which are disgusting things or animal euphemism, part of the body, disgraceful occupation, disease, activity, obituary, and character and situation of euphemism.

1.4 Formulation of the Research Problem

Based on the limitation of the research problem, the formulation of the problem is: “what are the types and functions of euphemism frequently used by Minangkabaunese adults in Ulakan Tapakis?”

1.5 Research Question

The formulated problem is elaborated into two research questions:

1. What are the types of euphemisms in Minangkabaunese by adults in Ulakan Tapakis?
2. What are the functions of euphemisms in Minangkabaunese by adults in Ulakan Tapakis?

1.6 Purposes of the Research

Concerning the formulation of the research question above, the purposes of the research are:

1. To find out the types of euphemisms used by Minangkabau adults in Ulakan Tapakis
2. To find out the function of euphemisms used by Minangkabau adults in Ulakan Tapakis

1.7 Significance of the Research Problem

This study can contribute to linguistics studies, especially in sociolinguistics and semantics. This study provides details on the kinds and purposes of adult use euphemisms in Ulakan Tapakis society.

Theoretically, it gives information about the types and functions of euphemism in Minangkabaunese used by adults in Ulakan Tapakis. Practically, it is anticipated that it will aid and assist other scholars with an interest in euphemism analysis. As a result, this study can support and facilitate future euphemism research. Additionally, it is anticipated that this study will raise societal awareness of the importance of native language usage.

1.8 Definition of key term

1. Sociolinguistic study : The study of language use related to social aspects in society.

2. Euphemism : A word or phrase that is used in place of a more direct or explicit term that might be considered unpleasant, offensive, or taboo in a given context.

3. Minangkabaunese : The language used by the people of Padang, West Sumatra.

4. Adults : Stages of growth of human beings. An adult is a mature, fully developed person also has reached the age when they are legally responsible for their actions.

5. Ulakan Tapakis : A Sub-district in Padang Pariaman

Regency, West Sumatra, Indonesia. In this place, there is the tomb of Sheikh Burhanuddin, a great scholar of West Sumatra.

6. Type of euphemism : A kind, class, or category in euphemistic word or phrases.

7. Function of euphemism : A purpose or duty, or the way something convey or someone work in euphemism.