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Kata sapaan adalah kata yang digunakan orang untuk memanggil atau menyapa orang lain. Bahasa Batak Toba memiliki beragam bentuk kata sapaan yang digunakan dalam berkomunikasi dengan seseorang. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui bentuk-bentuk kata sapaan yang berdasarkan sistem kekerabatan atau keluarga yang digunakan oleh masyarakat Batak Toba yang tinggal di padang pasir parupuk tabing sebagai perantau. Penelitian ini juga akan menjelaskan dan menggambarkan fungsi komunikatif dari penggunaan kata sapaan tersebut.

Metode yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah metode deskriptif yaitu menggambarkan dan mengolah data berdasarkan fakta yang ada dilapangan. Penelitian ini difokuskan pada bentuk dan fungsi kata sapaan dalam bahasa Batak Toba. Data dikumpulkan melalui wawancara langsung dengan informan dan membuat catatan serta pengamatan langsung dilapangan. Informan dalam penelitian ini orang adalah Batak Toba yang mempunyai hubungan darah, dan perkawinan. Data dianalisis berdasarkan bentuk-bentuk kata sapaan serta fungsinya.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa terdapat ragam kata sapaan yang digunakan oleh masyarakat Batak Toba, khususnya dalam hubungan kekerabatan yang berdasarkan garis keturunan dan perkawinan. Menariknya ada beberapa bentuk kata sapaan yang mirip satu dengan yang lain namun memiliki beragam fungsi.

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# CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

# A. Background of the Research

Indonesia consists of thousands of islands which spread out from Sabang to Merauke. Various ethnics with culture inherited from their ancestors. Every culture has its own characteristics that have many differences. The cultures are created by people continually throughout their life from generation to generation because the cultures have some type. The cultures have been grown and influenced people's character, value and behavior in their societies. Furthermore, Indonesian cultures have some elements such as system of knowledge, social organization, technology, religion system and art.

North Sumatra province although also has its own ethnic known at Bataknese and this ethnic is divided into Batak Toba people which inhabits in the edge of Lake Toba, Batak Angkola people which inhabit in Angkola and Sipirok, Batak Simalungun people which inhabit in region of Simalungun regency, Batak Karo people which inhabit the region plateau regency of Karo, Batak Pakpak people which inhabit in regency of Dairi, Batak Mandailing people which inhabit in region the regency of Natal Mandailing, Batak Nias people which inhabit in Nias Island (Sinaga, 1996:1). So, there are five kinds of Batak ethnic that also have their own characteristics and language.

Padang consists of some regencies and hundreds of islands. Padang is the Capital city of West Sumatra. In West Sumatra there are many kinds of ethnic which living there such as Minangkabaunese, Bataknese, Chinese, Keelingnese, Floresnese, Mentawainese, and Javanese and so on. Some of the ethnics have

different languages, tradition and wherever they are living the culture is never lost. Culture is the important thing needed by human support because the society is the main support to alive the culture.

North Sumatera and Padang have live some ethnics by some differences. They have differences of cultures, languages and also kinships which are never lost wherever they are living. Kinship is the most important thing to make a good relationship with other people. Without kinship the people who try talk to other people cannot call them based on their clan. Generally, the people who don't know about kinship system in their culture, it is because they are lived in the city for a long time especially for the young generation. The young generations are also necessary to know kinship system because it has a relationship with culture.

In Padang, there are many people of Batak such as *Batak Toba*, *Batak Mandailing*, *Batak Simalungun*, *Batak Karo*, *and Batak Pakpak*. This research refers to the Batak Toba people who leaved to Padang. They are living there for some reasons such as studying, working and others. Batak Toba people admitted that their social life never getting lose from their own culture such as kinship. Some of Batak Toba people also know to address people who have the same ethnic based on kinship system. But on the other hand, many of people Batak Toba especially the young generation who lived in Padang cannot using address terms very well. Kinship system is a relationship based on lineage or blood and sociologies. Kinship is one of important things to respect or to know the other people. Each ethnic in the world has kinship system based on their culture. Kinship system of Batak Toba is never lost because the culture make from generation to generation.

The kinship system of Batak Toba culture is based on the Patrillineal system line. The result of the study shows that the kinship system was created based on blood, *Marga* (family name) and the relationship in the society. Kinship system is the culture in the society of Batak Toba. Kinship is relation family, Batak Toba people in north Sumatera especially in Padang have many kinships based on addressee terms. In north Sumatera, Kinship System of Batak Toba Ethnic in this thesis refers to the terms of addressee used by Batak Toba ethnic group who live in Padang. Kinship is very important for people Batak Toba. The using of address terms based on kinship system usually show in the people's conversation.

Batak Toba area is one of the sub ethnic Batak which have address term based on kinship system which mention as *Partuturan*. People who live in the Padang society often use kinship system in their daily of life to make a good relationship with others. The ethnic who has no kinship system it must be difficult to make a good conversation and do not know how to greet the people in the area. Kinship in Batak Toba society has two types, namely kinship based on lineage or genealogy and based on sociologies. All of Batak tribes have clans, is called kinship based genealogies. Meanwhile kinship based on sociological formed through marriage. Kinship system appears in the middle of the community as law as regard between one another in social life. So, the meaning of kinship in Batak Toba culture is *Partuturan*.

Dunkling (2007:22) mentions some factors that make people use different kinds of address term, such as nationality, dialect, sex, age, social class, profession, relationship religion race, homosexuality, individuality and verbal incident. It is means of communication between individuals and brings them in to

a relationship with environment (Boey, 1975:3). So, language and society are two things and they are inseparable. They have close relationship since each other give support to another.

Since the use of address term among people is different there are many things that someone needs to consider about the regulation of using an appropriate address term. First, he or she has to know who their partner in communication is. Second, it is important to classify their partner based on the situation. In the formal situation, people have to address someone by formal situation, such as *Mr*, *Mrs*, *Miss*, *Sir*, or *Madam*. In the informal situation, people will address each other differently. For example, in Batak Tobanese, two people who have different sexes and ages will address each other by using *Akkang* 'older sister', *Abang* 'older brother', or *Anggi* (younger sister and brother). The address term Akkang, *Abang*, *Anggi* in *Bataknese* community can be used to address someone that has already known each other or stranger. Third, someone have to consider the status social of his or her partner. For example, *Tulang* (mother's brother) and the fourth factor is their degree of intimacy. Degrees of intimacy between people are not the same. The closeness can be said as a family relationship, friend, relative, or even stranger.

However, in Padang society people address each other differently than other culture. As an example, in *Minangkabaunese* there are two people who have different sexes and ages will address each other by using *uni* 'older sister', *uda* 'older brother', or *diak* 'younger sister's brother'. The address terms *uda*, *uni*, or *adiak* in *Minangkabaunese* community can be used to address someone that have already know each other or stranger. Padang language has some differences of

pronunciation based on the area. The using of address terms shows in their daily of life.

Third, someone has to consider the social status of his or her partner. The status makes them use certain address term. It also can be categorized based on cultural side, occupational hierarchy, or social position in community. in Minangkabaunesse language, the address term use for people who has different social position in community are *Datuak* 'headman', *Mamak* 'mother brother', *Makdang* 'oldest mother's brother', '*Makcik*' younger mother's brother.

Address term is a kind of word, which is used to address someone in conversation. forms of address term is a word or phrase which is used to address someone, such as *Mr*, *Mrs*, *Miss*, *Sir*, *Bapak*+first name, *Saudara*+first name or *Akkang*+first name. The address by using name, for example *Maya*. it can be seen that the same terms of address have different function. In the process of communication with other people, someone would address them based on the situation that suitable on it. Address term is one part of sosiolinguistics studies. In the process of communication address term is more important. Without address term, people cannot make a relationship with other people.

The addressee terms is related to the use of language in social life, to make a relation with other people. Dunkling (2007:22), address term can consist of name(s), word(s), or a combination of both, is used for the benefit, practical, social, emotional, ceremonial, or externally-imposed reasons. It means that address terms can show some expressions by calling their name based on the situation Fasold (1990:1) states that address terms are the words of speakers used to designate the person they are talking to them. By using the address terms based

on kinship, people in Batak Toba can give much respect to people who live in the society. The address terms has a relationship between language and culture and also there are some various about language and culture.

In Indonesia country also there are so many cultures which has a different address terms, and when the people address someone by using their own language or dialect based on the culture. The terms of address Batak Toba especially in Padang Pasir Parupuk Tabing is used by Batak Toba people when they do interaction with other people. Address term is one important thing in the conversation, it usually occurs in daily of life. The function of address term is to show the formulation of politeness and the status in the languages. So, Address term is kinds of word, to greet someone, to call someone or to invite someone them to get involve in communication. The address term is related to the use of language in social life.

Whorf in Wardhough [6: 217] stated that the relationship between language and culture was a deterministic one. Whorf does not go all the way to say that the structure of a language completely determines the way its speakers view the world but no individual is free to describe nature with absolute impartiality but is constrained to certain modes of interpretation even he thinks himself most free. In other words, even though someone is free to describe the world, it is still constraint how he interprets it. Based on this statement it can be interpreted that different experience will view the world differently.

## **B.** Identification of the Problem

In this research, there are several points which can be researched in linguistic study. There is anthropological linguistic point side, language and

culture study. For language and culture study, it can be analyzed the relationship of language and culture, language and cultural identity. The main point is to analyzing tu and vous, address term, deixis, honorifics and gender different. For example, "Father" (Bapak in Indonesian) and 'Amang' (in Batak Toba language). It means that someone who has a relation of family, especially between children and their parent. It shows the meaning of kinship. In language and culture we can see the relationship between address terms based on kinship system in North Sumatra or Batak Toba culture.

In anthropological study, it can be discussed about theories of culture, Linguistic diversity and speaking as social action. It can seen from the address terms of kinship system by using theories of culture and language because the people create kinship based on their culture, furthermore the kinship can using for generation to generation. They sometimes use culture as socially distributed knowledge and language as communication. By the kinship people can feel comfortable and make some perceptions. So, there is a relationship between language and culture.

#### C. Limitation of the Problem

Based on the identification of the problem above, there are some problems found related to the use of address terms. The problems are how the people address others based on kinship system, address term formal and informal situation and different form. The research will focus on language and culture study because language and culture has relation with kinship system that discuss about cultural as communication in kinship Batak Toba. In the research, the writer will discuss the meaning of each words which using in address terms kinship

system of Batak Toba culture. To tell about speaking as social action and linguistic diversity, it is important thing to find well result in the kinship system. So, the research will focus language and society in Batak Toba kinship in social action or communication forms, in this research also focus definition and function of language and culture.

#### D. Formulation of the Problem

Based on identification and limitation of the problem above, this study belongs to the relationship kinship system in the culture of Batak Toba between language and culture. Related to this, the problem of this research is formulated as follow: "How are the people Batak Toba using address terms based on kinship system for people who live in Padang and what are the forms of address terms used by Batak Toba people in Padang especially in Pasir Parupuk Tabing?"

# E. Research Questions

- 1. How do the Batak Toba people use addresse terms based on kinship system for Batak Toba who live in Padang especially in Pasir Parupuk Tabing?
- 2. What are the forms of addressee terms used by Batak Toba people in Padang especially in Pasir Parupuk Tabing?

# F. The Purposes of Research

The purposes of the research are

- 1. To describe the use of address terms based on kinship system that used by Batak Toba people who live in Padang especially in Pasir Parupuk Tabing?
- 2. To describe the forms of address terms used by Batak Toba people in Padang especially in Pasir Parupuk Tabing?

# G. The significance of Research

The writer expects that the result of research can give contribution to the progress of linguistic field and other research in the development of anthropological studies or language and culture studies. Besides that, the writer also finding of the research to help all people to understand the forms of kinship term of and address term and the function of address terms based kinship system for people in the society especially for many people. In addition, by having the result of the research, the writer and also reader can increase knowledge in understanding and analyzing language and society.

# H. Definition of the Key Words

**Address terms**: is a word used to address, to greet, to call someone or

to invite them to get involve in communication (Chaer,

1994:136).

Form of address term: is a word or phrase which is used to address someone,

such as Mr, Mrs, Miss, Sir, Bapak + first name,

*Dongan* + first name or *Akkang*+first name.

**Kinship system** : used to show the relationship between family based on

blood or clan in the society and it depending on one's

culture.