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ABSTRAK

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Makalah ini ditulis untuk melihat perubahan bahasa yang terjadi di daerah kecamatan Lubuk Tarok dalam bentuk *death words*. Penulis membahas kata-kata apa saja yang dahulu dipakai oleh masyarakat di kecamatan Lubuk Tarok dalam komunikasi sehari-hari, akan tetapi kata-kata itu tidak digunakan lagi dalam bahasa sehari-hari oleh masyarakat di kecamatan ini pada waktu sekarang. Penulis memilih topik ini karena penulis ingin mengetahui apa saja faktor yang menyebabkan kata-kata itu tidak dipakai lagi dan termasuk kedalam bentuk perubahan apa kata-kata yang hilang tersebut.

Dalam penulisan makalah ini penulis dibantu oleh beberapa orang informan untuk memberikan informasi data tentang kata-kata yang tidak digunakan lagi oleh masyarakat di kecamatan Lubuk Tarok pada waktu sekarang. Kemudian penulis mengelompokkan data tersebut sesuai dengan jenis dan faktor penyebab terjadinya *death words* pada kata-kata tersebut.

Dari hasil pembahasan, penulis menemukan 5 jenis perubahan yang terjadi pada kata-kata tersebut, yaitu *lexical change* (84), *sound change* (5), *morphological change* (2), *sound and semantic change* (1), dan *lexical and semantic change* (3). Disamping itu, dari pembahasan penulis juga menemukan 4 faktor penyebab terjadinya perubahan pada kata-kata tersebut, yaitu *language contact* (85), *spelling pronunciation* (6), *articulatory simplification* (2), dan *reanalysis* (2).

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Problem

Language is a device for communication that is used by people in a community to interact each other. By using language, people in the society can socialize well. However, language itself has always changed from time to time because there is language contact among languages used by people in one society. This language contact causes language shift which finally gives impacts on language change. Then, language change might cause death words or even language death. The language change itself can be caused by many factors, such as education, social condition, economy, migration, and globalization. This language change can occur in the use of that language itself or in the words use, which can belong to phonological, morphological, lexical, syntactic or semantic change. The phenomenon of language change in the level of words can finally lead to the death of words which can happen in one language.

Death words are condition of words in one language in the society that are not spoken anymore by people in that society as mother tongue or as a medium for daily communication. The death of words usually happens in many societies, including in the society in *Lubuk Tarok* subdistrict of *Sijunjung* regency. *Lubuk Tarok* is a subdistrict led by a subdistrict head name Ahmad Zakri, M. Si. *Lubuk Tarok* borders on *Sijunjung* subdistrict in the north, *Tanjung Gadang* subdistrict in the east, *Empat Nagari* subdistrict in the west, and *Solok Selatan* regency in the south. There are many examples of death words found in this place, for instance *sarabeta*. In the past, *sarabeta* was used to say 'napkin'. But now, people in that society do not use that word anymore and they tend to use *lap tangan* or *serbet*.

The writer choose the topic about death words to be the focus of the discussion in order to see how people in the past use words in communication and to compare between the choice of words used in the past with the choice of words used in the present time in that local language. Also, *Lubuk Tarok* subdistrict of *Sijunjung* regency was selected as the place to obtain the data of death words because there are many changes happened to some words in this society. Those changes are caused by some aspects such as migration, globalization, modernization, and education. Therefore, the writer wants to explore more about this phenomenon in order to see how many words which belong to death words found in this society.

In addition, old generations in the society in *Lubuk Tarok* subdistrict of *Sijunjung* regency often use words that are not understood by the young generations while they are talking each other. However, they do not use those words when they speak to young generations. On the other hand, those words are not used by the young generation in that society. Also, the young generations do not understand about the meaning of some words that they used. Those words seem so vague in their sense of hearing because those words had

already become death words. Because of these reason, the writer wants to see more about the death of words in this society.

B. Limitation of the Problem

This paper is limited to the analysis of death words happen in *Lubuk Tarok* society. It means that this paper discuss about language change and identification of the types and the causes of death words happened in the society in *Lubuk Tarok* subdistrict of *Sijunjung* regency.

C. Formulation of the Problem

Related to the limitation of the problem above, the problem of this study can be formulated into: "What are the types and the causes of language change found in *Lubuk Tarok* subdistirct of *Sijunjung* regency"?

D. Purposes of the Study

By doing this discussion, the purposes of the study can be formulated based on the research questions above. The purposes of this discussion are:

- To identify the types of language change found in the death of words in Lubuk Tarok subdistrict of Sijunjung regency
- 2. To identify the causes of language change happened in *Lubuk Tarok* subdistrict of *Sijunjung* regency
- 3. To recognize the most frequent type of language change found in words of language used by people in *Lubuk Tarok* subdistrict of *Sijunjung* regency

E. Definition of Key Terms

- a. Language death: a language which is not used or spoken anymore by people in one society as a medium for communication.
- b. Death words: words which are not used or spoken anymore by people in the society as a medium for day to day communication.
- c. Language change: any modification or variation in language over the time.
- d. Lubuk Tarok subdistrict: a region located in Sijunjung regency.
- e. *Sijunjung* regency: one of the regency in Sumatera Barat.