CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

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This research concerns women's language features found in the speeches of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth in Mary Queen of Scots Movie. The data of this research is analyzed based on the types and functions. The types of features are analyzed using the women's language feature theory by Robin Lakoff (1973) and the function is analyzed using Janet Holmes's (2013) theory. As far as it is concerned, there are 120 data containing the feature language used by women in this research. Based on the result of the analysis, there is one datum for lexical hedges or fillers and tag questions features, 7 data on rising intonation on declaratives, 4 on empty adjectives, intensifiers with 20 data, in hypercorrect grammar 24 data, 2 on super-polite forms, and 61 data found in the feature of emphatic stress. Along with that, there are three functions of those features that were uttered by Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth. Those functions are a hedging device with a total 10 data occurs, a boosting device with 109 data, and a facilitative or positive politeness device is only 1 datum.

Emphatic stress as a feature with the most occurrences is a big contribution to making boosting devices the most occurrence function as well. The usage of this feature implied the struggle of Mary and Elizabeth to strengthen their position in the social circle they lived in. In the era this movie took place, women were only seen as sex objects and degraded in society. This understanding leads to the lack of confidence women have since they are not allowed to participate in serious or important matters. In this research, these queens try to strengthen their position

in society and make sure their voices and orders are heard by becoming more fierce to break all of the ideas that women are subordinate and can be controlled. By putting special stress on the speech, those queens emphasized their position and made sure their speech was well-informed to the interlocutor, and there was no slot for society to argue. The higher social status someone has, the more power and influence they have.

In conducting this research, the researcher found there is another function of women's language features besides the 2 proposed by Holmes. The function is a facilitative or positive politeness device. This device has the main function of facilitating the interference of the interlocutor in conversation. This feature can not belong to any of the 2 other functions since the purpose of the occurrence of this feature is neither to give nor reduce the assertiveness in speech, but to make a new conversation about a different topic. This research found that Elizabeth used this device to avoid the discussed topic by changing it into something else. Elizbeth tries to find a way out of the discussion as polite as possible even though she has the right to express her reluctance.

4.2 Limitation

This research studies the features of women's language in a movie entitled Mary Queen of Scots. This research only concerned the English utterances of the high social status women in male-dominated society. In conducting this research, the researcher found some interferences. Several speeches in the movie are in French and the researcher is required to make the transcription of it. Due to the limitation of the researcher's ability in French, the transcription of French in this research is inaccurate. Besides, the theory of women's language features used in

this research is classified as an old theory that has not been improved since it was first proposed in 1973. It leads to the non-diverse previous study on this topic that can be used as a basic theory to be applied in this research.

4.3 Suggestions for Future Research

After conducting this research, the researcher would like to give recommendations to future researchers on conducting research on women's language features. In future research, the researcher could take the features of women's language based on real-life conversations. Using a real-life conversation as data could represent what happens in everyday life since it does not go through any editing process that might strengthen the result of the research. The researcher also recommends developing this topic on a larger scale since the perception of gender nowadays is getting broader and will give a new perspective on women's language. Hopefully, future researchers can analyze the features of women's language with the unique real-life social phenomenon.