

## CHAPTER IV

### FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The table below shows the percentage of negative politeness strategy that is frequently used by the judges in American Idol Talent Show Audition to the contestant. It shows be conventionally indirect, question, hedge, minimize the imposition, apologize, and impersonalize speaker and hearer in doing negative politeness strategy during their conversation to the contestants in the audition room in American Idol Talent Show Audition Season 6, episode 1 (January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007).

**Table of Negative Politeness Strategy as Used by Judges in American Idol Talent Show Audition (Season 6)**

NO	Negative Politeness Strategy	Total	Percentage (0%)
1.	Be conventionally indirect	6	27,27%
2.	Question, hedge	7	31,82%
3.	Be pessimistic	1	4,55%
4.	Minimize the imposition	4	18,18%
5.	Give deference	0	0%
6.	Apologize	3	13,64%
7.	Impersonalize speaker and hearer	1	4,55%
8.	State that FTA as a general rule	0	0%
9.	Nominalize	0	0%
10.	Go on record as incurring a debt or as not indebting hearer	0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>100%</b>

From the 22 data found, question and hedge is the most strategy used by the judges when communicating with the contestant. It occurs 7 times with the percentage of occurrence about

31,82%. Followed with be conventionally indirect 6 times with the percentage of occurrence about 27,27%. Next is minimize the imposition which occurs 4 times with the percentage of occurrence about 18,18% and 3 times of apologize about 13,64%. The last is impersonalize speaker and hearer and be pessimistic with the percentage of occurrence about 4,55%. All of them are the sub strategies of negative politeness used by Judges in American Idol Talent Show Audition in communicating with the contestants.

Based on the data analysis of negative politeness strategy used by judges in communication with the contestant in American Idol Talent Show Audition season 6, episode 1 (January, 16<sup>th</sup> 2007) above, the writer found that hedge is the typical of negative politeness strategy that uttered by judges. According to the data, hedge occurs 7 times with the percentage of occurrence about 31,82%. This might happen because the judges have to soften their words since they have to maintain their face in front of the camera. By using hedges, they can give comment to the contestants without being judgemental and it can lessen the impact of an utterance.

To sum up, this research result shows that hedge is the most frequently used by the judges to communicate with the contestants in American Idol Talent Show Audition. Since the judges have to maintain their image, hedge is the easiest way to ensure that the contestants' face won't be imposed upon. By soften the words and phrases the judges can lessen the impacts of the judgements and can make the contestants feel comfortable when they are judged. Therefore, hedge occurred most of the time when they communicate with the contestants.