

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

4.1 Conclusion

This research is about the use of English address terms at American court of law. This research aims to find out the types and to identify the functions of English address terms at American court of law as seen in Caught in Providence TV show. The result of the research shows that there are six types of English address terms used by the Judge and the accused in the selected video of Caught in providence TV show as proposed by Braun in 1988. They are name, title, to a great or lesser extent, abstract nouns, particular title + names, and title + names.

Furthermore, there are 40 English address terms found in the selected episode of Caught in Providence TV Show. The most dominant English address terms used by the Judge in addressing the accused is name with the total of 20 address terms. Names indicates equality and familiarity between the speaker and the addressee. In English, addressing people use name indicate normal level of intimacy. Moreover, people who have the higher level status can address someone use name. It happens because name is the polite terms to express the equality and familiarity. Meanwhile, the most dominant English address terms that is used by the accused is abstract nouns with the total of eight address terms. People are expected to know which address terms that should be used in addressing the Judge in court rooms. The use of abstract nouns by the accused in addressing the Judge indicate that the accused know how to address the Judge appropriately in court rooms. It happens because abstract nouns conveyed some honorifics form that people commonly used in court rooms. In addition, honorifics comes from “the

frozen outputs of politeness strategies” (Brown & Levinson, 1987, pp. 179). Then, people have to use honorifics in addressing the Judge in the court rooms to show their respect and politeness towards the Judge.

4.2 Limitation

This research focuses on the use of English address terms at American Court of Law as seen in Caught in Providence TV Shows. This research analyzes English address terms used by the Judge and the accused in the conversation from the video. The address terms that has been found were identified, categorized, and described based on the theory. Additionally, this research also find out the selected address terms indicates politeness in relation to the social status and intimacy in the utterance. In this research, the writer only pays attention to the social status, age, and intimacy between the Judge and the accused in analyzing the politeness through their choice of address terms. However, there are still some factors that indicate people’s politeness regarding their choice of address terms. The difference between age and gender are become the important factors that must be consider by other researcher in analyzing someone’s politeness by his/her choice of address terms.

4.3 Suggestion

The choice of English address terms can show the speaker’s attitude towards the addressee. The speaker should be able to indicate which address terms are being used in order to show respect and politeness in the court rooms. In addition, people are expected to use the appropriate address terms in different situation and social context. Moreover, the writer realizes that there are some factors that affect the choice of English address terms in the court. One of the factors is age and

gender. Age and gender also can change people's attitude or politeness towards the addressee. The writer expects that the next research can consider age and gender as one of factors in affecting people politeness in addressing someone in court rooms.

