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## **ABSTRACT**

The existence of variations of English, Singlish, which is spoken in Singapore, has risen to various perceptions and attitudes of language community towards this variation. This thesis discusses the knowledge and language attitude of people outside the community toward Singlish with a sample of 20 English Department students batch 2017, Faculty of Humanities, Andalas University who have taken Sociolinguistics class. Data were obtained using Direct Approach (Peter Garret, 2010) by distributing questionnaires to respondents who had been listened to an audio recording of someone speaking in Singlish. The level of knowledge of Singlish was measured using Likert Scale and attitudes toward Singlish were determined referring to the attitude categorization proposed by Arikunto (2010). The result of the questionnaire showed that the level of students' knowledge of Singlish was quite good (60%). Their knowledge is limited to information on Singlish as a variation of English. Then, students' attitudes toward Singlish were varied, in which 43.75% had a positive attitude, 36.35% was neutral, and 20% had a negative attitude. These attitude showed that their positive attitude was not in line with their level of knowledge.

**Keywords: language attitude, english department student, singlish**

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Adanya variasi bahasa Inggris, Singlish, yang diucapkan di Singapura, telah menimbulkan berbagai persepsi dan sikap masyarakat penuturnya terhadap variasi tersebut. Skripsi ini membahas tentang pengetahuan dan sikap bahasa orang diluar masyarakat tersebut terhadap Singlish dengan sampel 20 orang mahasiswa Sastra Inggris angkatan 2017, Fakultas Ilmu Budaya, Universitas Andalas yang telah mengambil kelas Sociolinguistik. Data dikumpulkan menggunakan Metode Langsung (Peter Garret, 2010) dengan mendistribusikan angket atau kuesioner kepada responden yang telah diperdengarkan rekaman audio seseorang yang berbicara dalam Singlish. Tingkat pengetahuan terhadap Singlish diukur menggunakan Skala Likert dan sikap terhadap Singlish ditentukan merujuk pada kategorisasi sikap yang dikemukakan oleh Arikunto (2010). Hasil dari kuesioner menunjukkan bahwa tingkat pengetahuan mahasiswa terhadap Singlish cukup baik (60%). Pengetahuan mereka terbatas pada informasi Singlish sebagai sebuah variasi Bahasa Inggris. Kemudian, sikap mahasiswa terhadap Singlish bervariasi, dimana bahwa 43,75% memiliki sikap positif, 36,35% bersikap netral, dan 20% bersikap negatif. Hal ini menunjukkan bahwa sikap positif mereka tidak sejalan dengan tingkat pengetahuan mereka.

**Kata kunci: sikap bahasa, mahasiswa sastra inggris, singlish.**