

The Importance of Politeness Utterances Used by Teachers and Students in Classroom Interaction

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Abstract. This study aimed at analyzing the kinds of politeness strategies, types of illocutionary act, and the factors influenced the teachers and students' classroom interaction. The data of this qualitative study were taken from observed interactions in the teaching and learning process in the classroom. The result of the study show (1) politeness was conveyed through two strategies, namely, positive, and negative politeness; in English Class and *Ngoko* (Low Speech) and *Krama* (High Speech) in *Pondok* Class. (2) The type of illocutionary act used by teacher and student in the politeness have found two type illocutionary act, they are Representative and Directive (3) the researcher has found factor payoff in English class and factor age, factor status in *Pondok* class. The politeness used at classroom interaction at English Class was proven low because English teacher still do mistake in using politeness and she does not use politeness frequently; therefore, many students are not active speaking English in classroom. The politeness are efficient teaching and learning, respect communication between teacher and students, togetherness between teacher and students, cooperating interaction between teacher and students, and the politeness can motivate students and developing a meaningful teaching and learning process.

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INTRODUCTION

Politeness Strategies is needed in the classroom interaction because the classroom interaction must be effective and polite. If in the classroom interaction runs well, the knowledge that will be delivered by teacher will be received by student well. Beside that they also can make a good relationship. As a consequence, they can create a meaningful

teaching and learning process in the classroom and students have good spirit when they learn in the classroom.

However, in fact politeness is rarely used by students in the classroom. Many students contravene norms in the classroom like students don't respect the teacher and students disturb others. As we know that recently many students fight others, many students oppose the teacher, school violence, students' brawls, bullying and many more. Those all phenomena describe that without politeness, the character building cannot be done successfully.

Politeness of Javanese (one of Indonesian ethnic groups) is shown by *Tata krama*. *Tata krama* is one of the tools to create the character building for students because politeness of Javanese has the excellence. The excellence of Javanese, for example, can be found in *unggah ungguh* (the *speech level*). Through these excellences, a Javanese speaker will humble himself while exalt the other and they have a good conduct or etiquette. Besides that with using politeness of Javanese, learners of Javanese can implant norms of Javanese culture which have been well-rooted in the people of Javanese. Norms of Javanese culture are appeared by politeness and sensitiveness that based on principle to respect each other.

English is an obligatory lesson should be learned by students in Indonesia. So politeness English is a great important uses in the interaction class in English lesson. By using politeness English, learners not only knowing how to speak and write, but also knowing how to behave linguistically; therefore, the speakers and users of the language must be equipped with politeness formulas in speaking and must be aware of how to use politeness in different communicative acts in their daily life. Politeness English is very different face work strategies. The Javanese uphold *tatakrama* is reflected by *unggah-ungguh* (speech level). The British tend to exercise face-saving strategies through four types of politeness strategies preserving individual freedom from imposition by others and respect individual privacy. In this research, writer want to observe politeness English used by Javanese learners when they communicate each other with English politeness of Javanese when they communicate each other with Javanese language.

In English class, sometimes teachers and students need language of instruction to help them learning English. They used original language such as Indonesia or traditional language for instance Javanese but commonly in formal school use Indonesia as language of instruction. Thus, politeness of Indonesia is very important also to uses in the interaction classroom like politeness Javanese and English.

MTs (*Madrasah Tsanawiyah*) are base level on formal education in Indonesian and it is equal with junior high school. MTs are managed by religion ministry and have as a base of Muslim boarding school (*Pondok*). MTs *Al-Falah* is deferent with other MTs in *Wuluhan* because large part of student still uses language is learned by their grand great parents and keeps norm their culture (Javanese).

Based on the brief explanation above, the researcher is interested in analyzing this phenomenon of politeness strategies is used by teacher and student utterances in the interaction classroom at MTs *Al-Falah*. Hopefully, politeness strategies of Javanese, Indonesia and English will consistently be implemented in their interaction classroom with point of view of Javanese culture because of that all the background, the researcher will

present it as a thesis entitled "*The Importance of Politeness Utterances in the Classroom Interaction*."

Problem that the writer would like to analyze are:

1. What kind of the politeness utterances are used by teacher and student in the classroom interaction at MTs Al-Falah Kepel?
2. What the type meaning illocutionary acts are used by teacher and student in the classroom interaction at MTs Al-Falah Kepel?
3. What the factors influence the teacher and student uses politeness utterances in the classroom interaction at MTs Al-Falah Kepel?

Sociolinguistics

Fishman (in Dias Astuti, 2011:10) says that 'sociolinguistics is the study of the characteristics of language varieties, the characteristics of their functions, and the characteristics of language varieties, the characteristics of their function, change and chance one another within a speech community'.

Politeness

Richard Watts (2003: 4-9) points out that the linguistic definition of politeness is usually different from the general perception of the term politeness. According to Watts, we should differentiate first-order politeness and second-order politeness.

Politeness is the notion of *face*. Being polite, therefore, consists of attempting to save face from another, *Face Saving Act* (FSA). These attempts are realized into what they call politeness strategies. Brown and Levinson outline four main types of politeness strategies from the least to the most politeness: bald on-record, negative politeness, positive politeness, and off-record.

Factors Influencing the Use of Politeness Strategy

The employment of politeness strategy is influenced by several factors. According to Brown and Levinson (1987:71) there are two factors that influence the speaker to employ positive politeness strategy. The factors are payoff and circumstances.

Discourse Analysis

Learning is a process whereby knowledge is created through the transformation of experience. The interaction of the experience and environment takes a role in developing the content of learning and instruction. Understanding language implies the understanding of pragmatics. Even the young children must learn the pragmatics of language if they want to communicate effectively.

Speech Act

The definition of Speech Act, the idea of speech act is stated firstly by an English philosopher John L Austin (in Levinson, 1985:236). Austin notices the fact that when a speaker says something, he is doing something. In every utterance, the speaker performs an act such as stating a fact or opinion, confirming, or denying something, giving advice, asking

a question, thanking, greeting, etc. The condition of doing something in saying something is what the expert calls as speech act.

1. Austin (in Levinson, 1985: 236) proposes three basic acts in saying an utterance. Among them are locutionary act, illocutionary act and perlocutionary act. Locutionary act (producing an utterance)
2. Illocutionary act (doing something in the utterance)
3. Perlocutionary act (doing something to the hearer by producing the utterance)

Meaning Type of Illocutionary Acts

“A theory of language is a part of theory of action” (Searle 1969: 17). When one speaks, one performs an act. Searle proposes that all acts fall into five main types: declarative, representatives, directives, commissive, and expressive.

Politeness of Javanese Language

Politeness in the Javanese language in the show by using *unggah - ungguh* (speech level) is appropriate because errors in choosing the variety of language when speaking will bring irregularities and considered impolite (*ora ngerti tata krama, ora ngerti unggah-ungguh*).

In Javanese language, there are three speech levels. Namely *Ngoko* (low speech), *Madya* (Middle speech), *Krama* (High Speech) (Wedhawati et al, 2006: 11).

1. Ngoko (Low Speech)

According to Carita (2005: 4) who use Ngoko are :

- People who are already familiar
- People who are older to younger people
- Teacher to students
- Parents to children
- Owner to employer

Ngoko language can be divided into three, namely:

- a. *Ngoko Lugu*, is Javanese language consist of *ngoko* lexical item only.
For example: *aku, kowe, dheweke, mu*.
- b. *Antya Bases*, is Javanese language consist of *ngoko* lexical item and *krama* lexical item.
- c. *Bases Antya*, is Javanese language consist of *ngoko* lexical item, *krama* lexical item and *krama Inggil* lexical item.

2. Madya (Middle Speech)

According to Carita (2005: 4) who use *Ngoko* are:

- People in the market
- Old people to young people

Ngoko language can be divided into three, namely:

- a. *Madya Ngoko*
- b. *Madyatara*
- c. *Madya Krama*

3. Krama (High Speech)

According to Carita (2005: 4) who use *Krama* are:

- Children to Parents
- Students to teachers
- Young people to old people
- Employer to owner

Ngoko language can be divided into three, namely:

a. Mudha Krama Speech

According to Purwadi, et al (2005: 13) Jawa Mudha Krama Speech is smoothest language than others Javanese language.

b. Kramantara Speech

According to Purwadi (2005: 13) Kramantara Speech is Javanese language consist of Krama lexical only

c. Krama *Inggil* Speech

According to Purwadi (2005: 13) Krama *Inggil* Speech is Javanese language consist of Krama lexical item and Krama *Inggil* lexical item.

Classroom Interaction

In Communicative Language Teaching (CLT), classroom interaction is really encouraged to occur in the EFL classroom. Classroom interaction will make the students interested in communicating at the classroom. The classroom interaction makes the students participating in the teaching and learning process. It means that classroom interaction encourages students to involve.

Equally important, students are not the only participant in the classroom interaction since the teacher is also a participant. According to Dagarin (2004), classroom interaction is an interaction between teacher and students in the classroom where they can create interaction at each other. It means that classroom interaction is all of interactions that occur in the learning and teaching process.

In addition, classroom interaction will help students-students to share the information that they get from materials at each other, through the classroom interaction, the learning process among students will occur since they will exchange their knowledge or understanding at each other.

It means that classroom interaction makes the students brave to share what they have known and learn at each other. On the other hand, Dagarin (2004) contends that there are four types of interaction that occur in the classroom, as the follows:

1. Teacher-whole class
2. Teacher-a group of students
3. Student-student
4. Students-teacher

METHODS

In this study, the writer will be analyzing the data descriptively. The writer uses the steps of analysis data which suggested by Matthew B miles & Michael Huberman (1994:10). It is called Flow Model. The component of Data analysis includes:

1. Data reduction: Data reduction refers to the process of selecting, abstracting, and transforming the data that appear in written-up field notes or transcription.
2. Data display: The displays help us to understand what is happening and to do something either analyze further or take action base on that understanding.
3. Conclusion drawing: This is the last step of analysis data. The researcher holds these conclusions from the result of analysis and verified as the analyst proceeds with lengthy argumentation.

FINDINGS

These are the result of Analysis of Utterances teacher and students in the classroom interaction. From the result of the analysis above, the researcher found two type illocutionary acts.

Teacher's Utterances

First Meeting

1. *Sumpammi sampean wangsul, niku kedah ngrantos Ustadz. Ngeros nggih?*
(If we want to go out from class, we should ask permission to the teacher)
2. *Kalih cara sing "Mustaqimata" napa maksude iki?* (What is the meaning by "Mustaqimatan" way?)
3. *Yaiku dalan sing lurus, napa maksude?* (it is a straight street, what does it mean?)
4. *Seumpami sampean badhe khundur niku kedah sopan, tenang, mboten angsal pencilak an, dadose sampean saged khundur khanti slamet. Ngertos nggih?*
(You should back home in a good attitude, no joking all the way home, so we can arrive at our sweet home savely)
5. *Wonten mriki aku -kaliyan sampean di utus rencangan kaliyan tiang sing kagungan pendidikan, utawi sing kagungan adab, nopo maleh lare setri. Nopoo to cah?* (here, we is given suggest, to choose a friend, they should have education or have good attitude. Especially for a girl. Why should we do like this?)
6. *Sakumpami nggaduh rencang kados ngonten, sampean mboten angsal tumut-tumut nggih?* (If we have a friend doing something bad. We shouldn't follow it, is it true?)
7. *Niku maksude, seumpami sampean thindak dugi griya, sampean kedah saged jaga wektu mboten angsal keakhiren* (it's mean, we were going out from our home, we should remeber the don't too late")
8. *Sampek mriki pundi sing mboten ngertos?*
(So far, which part you still do not understand?)

Second Meeting

1. *Dinten niki sinten seng mboten mlebet?* (Who is absent today?)
2. *Pundi absen ne? Di beto nopo mboten?*
(Where is the attendant list? do you bring it)
3. *Biyuh kok katah seng mboten mlebet kados tiang sibuk sedoyo.* (Wow, why there is so student absent? looks like everyone is busy)

4. *Hayoo pelajaran seng dek wingi di waos maleh* (please read the previous lessons together)
Pelajaran seng awalikhatakafsi ... (the lesson which started by Khatafsi ...)

Student's Utterances

First Meeting

1. *Inggih Tadz* (Yes, Tadz)
2. *Mboten ngertos Tadz* (I don't know Tadz)
3. *Mboten munggah langsung khundur mawon* (We go home directly)
4. *Inggih* (Yes, Understand)
5. *Awit gampil nilar*
(Because we can influence each other)
6. *Inggih* (Yes, it is)
7. *Ustadz, maksude "hafifi alimii idaa"?* (What is the meaning of "hafifi alimii idaa"?)
8. *Niku tadz, kaca pungkasan.* (In the last, tadz)

Second Meeting

1. *Dinten niki sinten sing mboten mlebet?*
(Who is absent today?)
2. *Pundi absen ne? di beta napa mboten?*
(Where is the attendant list? do you bring it)
3. *Biyuh kok katah sing mboten mlebet kados tiang sibuk sedaya.* (Wow, why there is so student absent? looks like every one is busy)
4. *ayo pelajaran seng dek wingi di waos maleh* (please read the previous lessons together)
pelajaran seng di awali khatakafsi ... (the lesson which started by Khatafsi ...)

There are Representative and Directive. All of teacher's utterances is Directive, because when every teacher does interaction with student. he wants his student to do something like teacher's wish. All of student's utterances is Representative, because when every teacher does interaction with student. Student describes response to teacher.

This situation is suitable with Malcom Theory. According (Malcolm; 1998:24), Directive is an attempt that is done by the speaker to get the hearer to do something; the speaker "wants" to achieve a future situation in which the world will match his words. Such as ordering, command, requesting, advising, recommending, inviting, begging, bidding, demand, forbidden, and asking and suggestions belong to this category.

The employment of politeness strategy is influenced by several factors. According to Brown and Levinson (1987:71) there are two factors that influence the speaker to employ positive politeness strategy. The factors are payoff and circumstances. From the result of the analysis above, there is a one main factors, it is payoff.

- Payoff, Politeness in English, by

Employing positive politeness strategy, the teacher can get any advantages. The teacher can minimize the FTA by assuring the student that the teacher likes the student. It is found in the entire of the data except negative politeness. Out of all negative politeness strategies that were analyzed in the preceding part, the most commonly used strategy was

indirectness. This strategy enables learners to feel unimpeded by action in a classroom, and allows teachers to give learners the opportunity to decide on the learning process themselves. Through negative politeness, teachers can emphasize the magnitude of the student's role in learning collaboration, and thereby minimize the student's dependence on the teacher to accomplish his/her educational goals.

Basically, there are three factors which influence the choice of using a certain speech level in Javanese, which are, age, social status, and formality. Teachers and Students use politeness in Javanese language in classroom interaction because they consider factors age, and social status. In factors age, teacher want to show intimacy to their student and student want to show their respect to their teacher. in factors social, teacher and student want to show accuracy in using politeness.

In the Findings section, summarize the collected data and the analysis performed on those data relevant to the issue that is to follow. The Findings should be clear and concise. It should be written objectively and factually, and without expressing personal opinion. It includes numbers, tables, and figures (e.g., charts and graphs).

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DISCUSSION

Related to the politeness utterances used by teacher and student in the classroom interaction, the implementation of various politeness strategies was proven low at classroom interaction of seven grade teacher and student of MTs Al-Fallah because English teacher still do mistaken in using politeness like data 3 in the first meeting and English teacher still don't uses politeness frequently, as a consequence many students isn't active speak English in classroom interaction at English class.

According Aneta Subertove: 2012, she says that students generally learn the language in order to be able to communicate, and their goal is to be able to express any type of speech act, including requests or apologies that are essential for the topic of politeness. Politeness is a part of communication, and therefore plays a vital part in the process of language learning and in a classroom of English.

In Islamic lesson (Muslim boarding school), the researcher found *Krama Inggil* (high speech) from student's utterances dan *ngoko alus* (low speech) from students' utterances. From the research above, it shows that *unggah-ungguh*/speech level was used by teacher and student in classroom interaction although *paramasastra* (grammar) isn't appropriate. By using *ngoko alus*, student still show politeness because they have used. *Unggah-ungguh basa*/speech level is appropriate beside that the teacher can show a sense intimacy to their student. According to Carita (2005: 4) who use the language *Ngoko* language are: Friends to friends, parents to children and teacher to students.

Meanwhile, Kinds of student's utterances is *Kromo Lugu* (high), because all of data show that student choose *kromo* lexical item. By using *kromo lugu*, student show politeness because they have used *Unggah-ungguh basa* or speech level is appropriate beside that the students can show a sense their respect to their teacher. According to Carita (2005: 4) who use the language Jawa *Ngoko* are: student to teacher, younger to older, student to parents, and employer to owner.

Using politeness utterances in the classroom interaction can make a good relationship between teachers and students. As a consequence, they can create a meaningful teaching and learning process in the classroom and students have good spirit when they learn in the classroom. In this matter the researcher tries to uses politeness utterances in the classroom interaction

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the data analysis the following conclusions are drawn: In the first study, The researcher have found a several positive politeness, two negative politeness and two politeness in Indonesia is used by teacher in English class. Beside that the researcher also have found politeness in Javanese language is reflected by *unggah-ungguh* (speech level) in the classroom interaction at *pondok class* (Muslim boarding school), it is showed by teacher's utterances uses *ngoko* alus (middle speech) and student's utterances uses *kromo lugu* (high speech). As a result, it can be concluded that many teachers and students don't uses politeness utterances in the classroom interaction frequently in English class but in *pondok class* (Muslim boarding school), teacher and student always uses politeness in Javanese language although *paramasastra* (grammar) is not appropriate. They much emphasis on the application of politeness utterances of Javanese language in the classroom interaction at *pondok class*

In the second study, the research found two Meaning type of Illocutionary Acts used by teacher and student in politeness. The teacher uses Directive, when they attempt to ask their student to do something like teacher's wish. The student uses representative when they are stating their responds to their teacher.

In the last case study, researcher can find several factors influencing the use of politeness. In this research, the researcher found factor payoff in politeness of English. In the payoff, by employing politeness utterances, the teacher can get any advantages. The teacher can minimize the FTA by assuring the student that the teacher considers himself to be the same kind, that they like the student. Another possible payoff is that the speaker can avoid or minimize the debt implications of FTA such as request and offer. It is found in the entire of the data.

In politeness of Javanese language, the researcher found several factors, such us: they consider factors age, and social status. In factors age, teacher want to show intimacy to their student and student want to show their respect to their teacher. In factors social, teacher and student want to show accuracy in using politeness.

A result it can be concluded that Politeness is very importance used in the classroom interaction because it can create a comfortable language learning environment and it can

create a meaningful teaching and learning process in the classroom and students have good spirit when they learn in the classroom.

Considering the result of the research, the researcher was suggested to use the politeness utterances in the classroom interaction because it can create a comfortable language learning environment and it can create a meaningful teaching and learning process in the classroom and students have good spirit when they learn in the classroom. In addition, the student should be aware and habituate their selves to uses politeness utterances in the classroom interaction to support creating a comfortable language learning environment. The researcher also recommended to other researchers analyze about politeness utterances. This research can be references if they need. So, they can do research based on another point of view in future.

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