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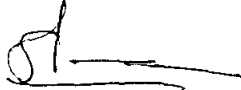
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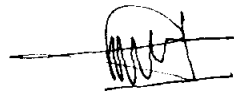
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## Abstract

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This study intended to answer the following research questions. (1) What are the verbal expressions showing anger uttered by Javanese working-class families at jalan Demak Barat I when they are quarelling or teasing one another? (2) What are the specific reasons underlying the verbal expressions showing anger uttered by Javanese working-class families when they are quarelling or teasing one another?

The data of this study were collected with a tape recorder and a diary. The recorded data were transcribed and analyzed under the parameters of: setting and scene, participants, act sequence and personal emotions.

The data analysis results show that the subjects mostly cursed Javanese swearing words, whenever they got angry. Taboo words often used as swearing words. The taboo words uttered were: 'goblok' (stupid), 'jangkrik' (an euphemism word for 'diancuk', 'ndhasmu' (your head), 'diancuk' (fuck you), 'asu' (son of bitch), 'silit' (anus), 'taek' (bullshit/human waste), 'dhemit' (evil), 'utekmu' (your brain), 'kenthir' (crazy), 'setan' (evil), 'lonthe' (whore), 'gathel' (hair around the anus), 'munyuk' (monkey), 'gendheng' (absent-minded) and 'gom-bal' (old clothes). Then the most taboo words used as swearing words were: 'jangkrik' and 'diancuk'. The subjects mostly uttered these words because they are the suitable words to be expressed whenever the subjects got angry.

The specific reasons underlying these anger verbal expressions were mainly due to the subjects':

- (a) Low education
- (b) Neighbourhood
- (c) Life problems
- (d) Exasperation
- (e) Besides they used these words because they were forced to:
  - (1) respond to the inappropriate level Javanese addressed to them
  - (2) respond to swearing words addressed to them
  - (3) react against being accused unfairly or insulted
  - (4) react against being interfered by other persons



Furthermore they uttered these angry expressions because:

- (a) They could not stand the laziness of the people around them
- (b) They were disturbed when they had to rest
- (c) They were disappointed because of being betrayed by their beloved ones

This study, the writer believes, is far from perfect as there are likely several shortcomings in terms of its scope, instruments, the procedures of analysing the data and many others. Hence, it is suggested that future studies on verbal expressions showing anger be emphasized in upper, middle or low classes. It can be taken place in another writer's neighbourhood themselves with more sophisticated instruments and procedures of analysing the data.