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ABSTRACT

A PRELIMINARY STUDY ON INFORMAL CODE SWITCHING AS DISPLAYED BY TEENAGERS IN THE EXTENDED FAMILY OF LIONG

This study examines the existence of informal code switching between teenagers at home in Surabaya. As such, the objectives of this study are (1) to describe what languages are code-switched by the subjects at home during their conversation, (2) to describe the reasons of the existence of the code switching, that is to describe the factors that motivated the subjects under study to switch from one code (languages) to another code (language) at home, and (3) to describe the ways that the subjects code switch their conversations from one code (language) to another code (language) at home.

In collecting the data, the writer records the conversations manually. There are seven conversations which are analyzed under the parameters namely (L)anguage used, (S)etting, (P)articipants, (E)nds, (A)ct sequence, and (P)ersonal emotions.

Based on the data analyzed, the writer finds out that:

(1) The language which is mainly used by the teenagers at home is non-standard Indonesian.
(2) The language which is mainly code switched by the teenagers is Indonesian to English or English to Indonesian.
(3) The teenagers' reasons in switching from one code to another are to maintain the smoothness of the conversations, to keep their secrets because they do not want their conversation to be understood by others, the lack of vocabulary in one language, to express the teenagers' habit and so on.

The writer realizes that there are many shortcomings in this study. Therefore, it is suggested that:

(1) The future researches of code switching are emphasized in formal situation such as at school during English lesson.
(2) The subjects under the study are taken from various family backgrounds. For example some subjects have Indonesian background and others come from Chinese family.