LEXICAL VARIATION IN THE CULTURAL SYNCRETISM OF JUM’AT KLIWONAN IN HB VII RELATIVES IN YOGYAKARTA SPECIAL TERRITORY

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This research aims at describing 1) types of lexical variation used by HB VII relatives and kanca pethak in the event of Jum’at Kliwonan, 2) the relationship between lexical variation and palace culture and how those variations reflect the social stratification, 3) forms of lexical variation used by HB VII relatives and kanca pethak, and 4) conservation efforts of cultural syncretism in terms of lexical variation as a guide among the users of language in society.

This research was based on field survey and employed descriptive-qualitative method. The data of this research were words and phrases uttered by HB VII relatives and Kanca Kaji in the event of Jum’at Kliwonan. The main instrument of this research was the researcher herself while the supplementary instruments were data sheets and questionnaire. The techniques in this research were non-participation observation and write and record. The analysis used linguistic, semantic, and sociolinguistic approach. The validity of the data analysis was conducted through source triangulation by confirming to HB VII relatives and Kanca Kaji, consulting to colleague, and referring to the previous research.

The result of the research shows that there are 6 types of lexical variation based on the domains which cover them, namely ritual, friendship, social stratification, role relationship, trading, and general. In the event of Jum’at Kliwonan, HB VII relatives and Kanca Kaji always use high variety of Javanese language. This variation reflects the social stratification in palace culture. The third result is that the forms of lexical variation are dominated by words, followed by compounds and clipping. The use of scientific terms, specifically medical terms, administration, business, and law is influenced by the educational background of the chief of the association. The fourth result of the research is that the association always uses high variety of Javanese language in every event of Jum’at Kliwonan and has broaden the area of this event.

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