Register Used in Reptile Lovers Facebook Forum

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Abstract

There are three objectives in this research, first, to clarify the form of language and the type of register used by members of the reptile lovers Facebook forum. Second, to identify the register function in the content of a word or phrase. Third, to find out the meaning of the registers found. The type of this research is qualitative research. This research uses documentation from the Facebook forums. The source of the data for this research is a collection of discussion threads from several forums. The results of this study are that the language forms of register used in the forums are nouns (6 data), verbs (5 data), adjectives (1 data), noun phrases (1 data), and prepositional phrases (2 data). The register type that is used in the forum is Casual Register because it is between the members in the forum in an informal situation. The function of the register is the Instrumental, Personal, and Heuristic Register.

Keywords: Register, Register Type, Register Function, Register Meaning

Abstrak
Ada tiga tujuan dalam penelitian ini, pertama, untuk memperjelas bentuk bahasa dan jenis register yang digunakan oleh anggota forum facebook pecinta reptil. Kedua, mengidentifikasi fungsi register dalam isi sebuah kata atau frase. Ketiga, untuk mengetahui arti dari register-register yang ditemukan. Jenis penelitian ini adalah penelitian kualitatif. Penelitian ini menggunakan dokumentasi dari forum Facebook. Sumber data penelitian ini adalah kumpulan thread diskusi dari beberapa forum. Hasil dari penelitian ini adalah bentuk bahasa register yang digunakan dalam forum adalah nomina (6 data), verb (5 data), adjective (1 data), frasa nomina (1 data), dan prepositional phrase (2 data). Jenis register yang digunakan dalam forum adalah Casual Register karena antara anggota dalam forum dalam situasi informal. Fungsi dari register adalah Instrumental, Personal, dan Heuristic Register

Kata kunci: Register, Tipe Register, Fungsi Register, Arti Register

Introduction

The register is another confounding component in any investigation of language assortments. A register is a collection of linguistic things related to discrete words or social gatherings. Professionals, aircraft pilots, bank administrators, transaction agents, jazz fans, and pimps all use unique cash registers. As Ferguson (1994) put it: "Usually, people interested in intermittent communication environments will create comparative vocabulary, the comparative highlights of pitch, and the trademark bits of language structure and phonology used in this situation.' This sort of assortment is a register. Ferguson includes that its 'unique terms for intermittent articles and occasions, and equation-based successions or "schedules," appear to encourage rapid correspondence; different highlights serve to stamp the register, build up sentiments of compatibility, and meet

various needs that affect the convenience of language development. The solid tendency between people and collaborators is not to be confused to create the types of registers and numerous measurement results.' One person can control all kinds of registers: You can be a paleontologist and stockbroker, or a hiker and financial analyst. Each register will encourage you to express your personality at a specific time or place, that is, how you try to introduce yourself to others. Based on the opinion, it can be concluded that register is the use of language used at a certain time or associated with certain social groups used in situations related to that group.

To analyze the form of the register used in the reptile lover Facebook forum, this research using the theory from Macwhinney (2005), there are four forms of linguistic forms, Word, Phrase, Clause, and Sentence. For the type, this research using the theory from Montano-Harmon (2014), there are five types of register based on the situation. A) Static Register is the of communications RARELY or NEVER changes. It is "frozen" in time and content; B) Formal Register is the language that is used in formal settings and is one-way in nature. This use of language usually follows a commonly accepted format. It is usually impersonal and formal; C) Consultative Register is a standard form of communications; D) Casual Register is informal language used by peers and friends; E) Intimate Register, these communications are private. It is reserved for close family members or intimate people.

Besides the form and type, this research also uses language function theory to analyze the data. Halliday in Tarigan (2009) found seven language functions. a) Instrumental Functions is the language used to regulate the behavior of the listener so that the interlocutor wants to obey or follow what is expected from speaker or writer; b) The regulatory function is a function to supervise and control events; c) Representational Function is the use of language for "Describes" that reality in fact; d) interactional functions serves to guarantee and strengthen resilience and continuity social communication; e) The personal function is a function to provide an opportunity for a speaker to express his deep feelings, emotions, personality, and reactions; f) The heuristic function involves the use of language to gain knowledge and study the intricacies of the environment; g) The Imaginative Function, which functions like the creation of imaginative systems or ideas.

The researcher using the theory of Biber and Conrad that supports this research. The theory of Biber & Conrad (2009) entitled, "Register, Genre, and Style". A register analysis uses three steps, there are: '(1) describes the situation as well as the language the language characters included in the

register; (2) analyzing the particular linguistic that include characteristics of the register; and (3) identifying the functional forces that help to explain why those linguistic features tend to be associated with those situational characteristics'.

Apart from talking about the form, the type, and function of the register in the reptile lover Facebook forum, this research also discusses the meaning of the register. Fitch (2005) says semantically and pragmatically, it means the information conveyed through symbols, words, and sentences in the context. Context has the role of giving meaning. The contextual meaning theory was proposed by Malinowski and J.R Firth. J.R Firth pointed out that the meaning of a single word cannot be separated from the cultural environment and ecology of the speaker (Parera, 2004). This statement Malinowski was supported, and he stated that the word would have no meaning when separated from the context (Parera, 2004).

In the register field of study, several previous studies led me to research in this same field, some of them are as follows *"The Analysis Of Register Used In Entrepreneur Community In Social Media"* by Sulistyo (2013). His research discusses the terms categorized as registered in the entrepreneurial community in social media. The definition of the register used in the entrepreneur community in social media; and the function of the register used in the entrepreneur community in social media. He used Baker's registration theory to analyze the data, and the result is: The research results show that the total number of registers found in this research is 268 registers. There are 35 registers recognized as abbreviations, of which 2 are blending, 5 coinages, 18 clippings, 14 abbreviations, 79 borrowings, 11 compounding, 17 acronyms, 19 simple words, and 83 phrases. The writer studied the function of each register. It was found that there are 107 registers with consulting functions, 38 registers as casual, 104 registers as deliberative, 4 registers as frozen or oratorical, and 14 registers as intimate.

Another study is called *"A Register Analysis in Online Shop Term Facebook"* by Lubis, Ashari, & Edi (2016). The purpose of this research is to find terms that are classified as register in the online shop community on social media. They used the theories of Ferguson, Parker Hall, and Pateda, and the results showed that the total number of registrations found in this study was 100 registrations in the found online shop Facebook. There are 13 clippings, 11 registers identified as abbreviations, 3 coinages, 8 compounding, 2 acronyms, 28 phrases, 35 borrowings, 45 registers functioned as consultative, 14 registers as casual, 16 register as deliberative, 2 registers as oral or frozen, 6 register as intimate.

The last study by Alfi (2013) entitled "*A Sociolinguistics Analysis of Register Used in Online Shop of Social Media*". This study discussed the linguistic forms and the meaning of registration used in the online shop language. This study used Holmes' theory, and based on the results of the analysis, the researchers found the data (3 data for nouns, 7 data for verbs, 1 datum for adjective, 5 data for abbreviation, 2 data for noun phrase, 8 data for compound words). Based on this meaning, the writer can find 10 lexical meaning data and 16 contextual meaning data.

Just like the research conducted by Sulistyo (2013), this research also discusses the function of the register, this study also discusses the function of the register. What distinguishes this research from the research conducted by Sulistyo (2013) is the theory used in determining the type of registers encountered. While the research conducted by Lubis, Ashari, & Edi (2016) discusses the same things that will be discussed in this study but uses a different theory in their discussion. Meanwhile, the research conducted by Alfi (2013) discusses the meaning in registers, which is the same as what will be discussed in this study. What distinguishes this study from that conducted by Alfi (2013) is in other discussions.

This research questioning about what is the form, the type, the functions, and the meaning of the register used in the reptile lovers Facebook forum. This research used theory from Brian Machwinney and George Yule to analyze the linguistics form and the word-formation from the register. The theory from Maria Rosario Montano-Harmon was also used to analyze the type of register used in the forum. To analyzed the function of the register, it used theory from MAK Halliday, and for knowing the meaning, this research used the theory from John Rupert Firth and Bronisław Malinowski about contextual meaning.

The object of study in this research is the register of reptiles' lovers from all over the world who have gathered in the Facebook forum. The reason for choosing this is because there is a peculiarity of the language between its members and the uniqueness of language in terms of reptile maintenance equipment and building enclosures, also the author is a member of the forum. This research was conducted online in the reptile lovers Facebook forum. This is what motivates the researcher to carry out the research entitled " Register Used in Reptile Lovers Facebook Forum".

Methods

Since the researcher is going to describe and clarify about the register that used by the member of reptile lovers Facebook forum. For the research type, the researcher used descriptive qualitative research, Jacobs, Ary, Razavieh, and Sorensen (2010) explained that the focus of descriptive qualitative research is to understand social phenomena from the perspective of human participants in the natural environment.

The research object of this research is the documentation from the forums. The data and data source of this research is the collection of discussion threads from several forums, including 1) Reptile and Amphibian Bioactive Setup; 2) Bioactive Vivarium Worldwide; 3) DIY Terrarium and Enclosure; 4) Bioactive Buddies 5) Terrarium Indonesia; 6) Indonesia Terrarium, Vivarium, Cage, and Enclosure; 7) Ular Indonesia. In the Technique of Collecting Data, the writer sees and captures important things from the discussion thread that contains information that can be used. then choose the data or information that has been collected that supports the problem being discussed.

Result and Discussion

1. Research Finding

In the data analysis, the main point is the Linguistic Form of Register, Type of Register, and Function, and Meaning of register used in Reptile Lovers Facebook Forum. According to Machwinney (2005), there are four forms of linguistic forms, Word, Phrase, Clause, and Sentence. But only two kinds of linguistic form that be found in the analysis, Word, and Phrase. The type of register used by the members is Casual Register and the function of the register is Instrumental, Personal, and Heuristic Register.

A. Word

Word is one form or kinds of Linguistic Form. In data analysis discussion threads from the members, found four-function words in it, that is Noun, Verb, Adjective and Adverb, but only three kinds of a word that exist in this analysis, Noun, Verb, and Adjective, the analysis are explained below:

1. Noun
A) Pinkies
    Context:
    "baby snake can only eat *pinkies*" is used by the members to educate the other members. The situation is when a person asks what food that can be eaten by a baby snake and the other member give a piece of information that pinkies are the only food that baby snake can eat.

    The sentence above focuses on the "pinkies" because this word includes the register or form in

reptile lovers Facebook forum. The "pinkies" has a function as the object and refers to what baby snake can only eat. The type of "pinkies" is a Concrete Noun. The type of register is Casual Register because it is used between the members in the forum. The function of the register is Instrumental Function because the member suggests other members to feed the baby snake with "pinkies". The meaning of "pinkies" is a newborn mice pups, have not grown hair and are still suckling to their mothers.

B) Tank

   Context:

"I keep my water monitor in 20g *tank*" the situation is when the member adding some information to complete the question such as "is it ok to make my water monitor tank to be a bioactive one? FYI I keep my water monitor in 20g tank".

   The sentence above focuses on the "tank" since this word includes to register or form in reptile lovers Facebook forum. The "tank" is a Count Noun. The type of register is Casual Register because it is used between the members in the forum. The function of the register is Instrumental Function because the writer expects to get some advice that matches with his/her condition. The meaning of "tank" is a cage or container for the reptiles. Can be shaped like an aquarium, terrarium, even just a container box.

2. Verb
A) Strike

   Context:

"my corn snake *strikes* me yesterday, it hurt me" the situation is when the member giving some information that his\her corn snake "strike" him\her.

   The sentence above focuses on the "strike" since this word includes to register or form in reptile lovers Facebook forum. The "strike" is an Action Verb. The type of register is Casual Register because it is used between the members in the forum. The function of the register is Personal Function because the writer wants to share his\her feelings when he got "strike" by the corn snake. The meaning of "strike" is a condition when our reptiles fight or bite suddenly.

B) Gutload

   Context:

A: "Your Beardie need more calcium, do a *gutload* to their food"

B: "what do you mean by *Gutload*?"

A: "*Gutload* is kind of giving some nutrition that your reptiles need to their food, like giving calcium to the crickets or mealworms, giving vitamin to the rat, etc."

   The conversation above focuses on the "gutload" because A wants to explain "gutload to the B since B does not know what "gutload" is. The "gutload" is a Linking Verb. The type of register is Casual Register since it is used between the members in the forum. The function of the register is Heuristic Function because in conversation A giving an answer to the meaning of the word *gut load* is needed.

3. Adjective
   A) Bioactive
      Context:

   "can I do a *bioactive* setup for my dumpy tree frog?" the situation is when the member asks another member to give him\her an answer about something that he wanted to do to make his\her dumpy tree frog happier.

   The sentence above focuses on the "Bioactive" because this word includes to register or form in reptile lovers Facebook forums. The "Bioactive" is an Adjective. The type of register is Casual Register since it is used between the members in the forum. The function of the register is Personal Function because the writer wants to know that he\she wants is right or not. The meaning of "bioactive" is a condition of the tank that has an ecosystem so it can be cleaned by itself through the food chain, the reptile throwing it waste, the waste is eaten by the microfauna, and decomposed it so it will become nutritions to the plant.

B. Phrase

   A phrase in one form or kinds of Linguistic Form. A phrase is two or more words that do not contain the subject-verb pair necessary to form a clause. The form of Phrases can be very short or quite long. There are six kinds of phrases, that is Noun phrase, and Verb phrase, Prepositional phrase, Infinitive phrase, Gerund phrases, and Absolute phrases. But, on this analysis, only two kinds of phrase which exists in the analysis of this data, as follows:

1. Noun Phrase
A) Cleaning Up Crew (CUC)
Context:

"Cleaning Up Crew is important when you want to turn your setup into the bioactive one" the situation is when the writer wants to give information to other members in the forum.

The phrase "cleaning up crew" in those sentence, include to language variation or register in reptile lovers Facebook forum because this form used by the member to inform other members the important thing for a bioactive setup. It has a function as the object and refers to as "bioactive". The type of phrase is Noun Phrase. This phrase is included in the Casual Register, and the function of the register is Instrumental Function. The meaning of this phrase is a microfauna that has a big role and is important as a decomposer in a bioactive reptile tank setup.

2. Prepositional Phrase
A) Captive Breed (CB)
Context:

"It's an honor for me to be able to sell the *captive breed* Red-Eyed Crocodile Skink" the situation is when the writer wants to share his\her feelings.

The phrase "captive breed" in those sentence, include to language variation or register in reptile lovers Facebook forum because this form used by the member to inform another member about his\her feeling when they successfully produced a "captive breed" Red-Eyed Crocodile Skink. It has a function as an adjective and refers to Red Eyed Crocodile Skink. The type of phrase is Prepositional Phrase. This phrase is included in the Casual Register, and the function of the register is Personal Function. The meaning of this phrase is animals that have been bred in captivity and assisted by humans outside their natural habitat.

B) Wild Caught (WC)
Context:

"Here is some way to acclimate *wild-caught* corn snake and milk snake" the situation is when the member wants to share tips and tricks related to how to acclimating "wild-caught" animals.

The phrase "wild-caught" in those sentence, include to language variation or register in reptile lovers Facebook forum because this form used by the member to inform other members about how to acclimate some snake into the enclosure or tank. It has a function as an adjective and refers to Corn Snake and Milk Snake. The type of phrase is Prepositional Phrase. This phrase is included in the Casual Register, and the function of the register is Instrumental Function. The meaning of this phrase is a wild animal caught either wildly or with permits from nature or directly from the forest.

2. Discussion

This study focuses on linguistic forms seen from the register, the type of register, the function of register, and the meaning of the register used in reptile lovers Facebook forums. Data is collected from some collection of discussion threads from several forums. The researcher uses Biber and Conrad's theory to support this research as a foundation in analyzing the registers found.

Several studies use the same topic but different objects, especially register research in the community or social media, for example, the first research was conducted by Sulistyo (2013) with the title "The Analysis of Register Used in Entrepreneur Community in Social Media". The research focused on the observation of the Entrepreneur Community. The second and the third study was conducted by Lubis, Ashari, & Edi (2016) entitled "A Register Analysis in Online Shop Term Facebook" and Alfi (2013) with the title "A Sociolinguistics Analysis of Register Used in Online Shop of Social Media". Both studies focus on some term or register that is used in the Facebook online shop or marketplace. So, this research is different from other previous studies, with methods and content that each writes but has almost the same topic and can complement each other.

Conclusion

The research takes of the data from the collection of some discussion threads from several forums, with the object, is a register used by the members of the reptile lovers Facebook forum. The researcher takes this object because there is a peculiarity of the language between its members and the uniqueness of language in terms of reptile maintenance equipment and building enclosures. The reason the researcher takes the object from this forum is that this hobby has

interesting terms and the researcher is a member of these forums.

This research focused on Linguistic form and Type of Register, The Function of Register, and the meaning of the register. The results of this research, seen from Linguistic Forms, the dominant of Linguistic Form on the reptile lovers Facebook forum is "Word" consisting of Noun, Verb, and Adjective.

The research also found kinds of registers that use on the reptile lovers Facebook forum. On the analysis of register use of the Biber and Conrad theory, the result of the type of the register analysis is all of the register found are included in the Casual Register, because the situation of the content on this forum is Non-formal, and the function of Register is Instrumental, Personal, and Heuristic Register.

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