



LANGUAGE STYLE IN MUFTI MENK KHUTBAH: BLESSING FROM THE OUTBREAK

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Abstract

The society varies from a number of social backgrounds such as a various education, occupation, gender, religious belief etc. This variety became the core of language style. When choosing a style, the speaker can apply very formally or very informally, these choices are being governed by circumstance. Therefore, it needs to be studied in order to create the appropriate language style in speaking. Not only the research is expected to be useful for those who interested in the same field of language style research, but also it is expected for reader to know the type and the factors of language style to be used in real life conversation. This research used qualitative method which is suitable to language research. Then, this research used document analysis as a technique to collect the data and descriptive analysis as the technique of data analysis because it was appropriate for interpreting the data collected. Joos' theory became the core to analyze the type of language style and its function. The research finding showed, there were 35 data of Mufti Menk utterances regarding the type of language style, there were divided into formal styles (11 data), frozen styles (12 data), consultative styles (5 data), and casual styles (7 data). For the function which influences Mufti Menk's language choosing, there are two reasons: participant and topic. As the conclusion for this research, the researcher concludes that Mufti Menk used Formal style frequently in his speech in order to make the substance of the speech delivered.

INTRODUCTION

Sociolinguistics is a very broad field, and it can be used to describe many different ways of studying language. The studying of language itself is not only about how to convey a meaning or express idea in conversation, but it also about how someone's social background and identity reveal in language. (Rajend et al., 2009).

Sociolinguistics is about how individual use language, how people use language differently in different towns or regions, and how a nation decides what languages will be recognized in courts or education. Sociolinguistics can study how the language practices of one community between the language use and social categories like class and status, gender and identity. Sociolinguistics concern about the study how language reveal social relationship style and interaction, more than that sociolinguistics pays attention in the relationships between different languages within and across communities such as in multilingualism. The scope of sociolinguistics are *Dialect, idiolect and language variety, speech community, bilingualism, diglossia, language use, language planning, language and culture, code-mixing and code switching*, andetc.

To be involved in society, human needs language as a tool to communicate. One of the main focus of sociolinguistics is concerned with explaining the difference of people's speaking way in various social contexts and identifying the social function in order to know how language works in meaning (Holmes & Zealand, 2017). The society varies from a number of social backgrounds such different education, occupation, gender, religious belief etc. This variety became the core of language style. On one hand, Llamas(2006) stated that

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the variety of language style can be caused by, the first social class, society is divided into the term of lower and upper social class. The language style between these different classes is automatically also different in practice. The second is age. Age indicates what language style will be used by the speaker. If the conversation involves children as the interlocutor, then the speaker should use the easy grammatical structure, understandable lexical choice and appropriate pronunciation in order the children can catch the meaning of the conversation (Holmes & Zealand, 2017). The third is gender. The language style which women and men use in their conversation is different. Male and female speakers differ in many ways. It can be differ in patterns of language use between men and women, such as quantity of speech, intonation patterns (Maraden, 2016).

In addition, Holmes & Zealand(2017) stated that when choosing a style, the speaker can apply very formally or very informally, these choice is being governed by circumstance. Finegan (2008)declared that there are some elements which the speaker must know before using the different language style. He mentioned purpose, setting and participant. *Purpose* points to what makes the speaker should say the things, for example whether delivering information, asking for help, or inviting someone. The activity may have an influence on the selection of the language. Setting, means to the place where the conversation takes. It can be in the school which means the language style should be academic, or at home which means the language style is not really formal as like at school. Participant means that to whom the speaker is going to talk with.

It means that each society member has many styles in using the language. In using the language usually people will try to recognize first who is the interlocutor and where the place. It means that interlocutor and place will influent the structure of the language, the lexical resource and the intonation of speech. Moreover, the background of interlocutor will also influent the speaker about what thing should be carried in a conversation. In using the language usually people will try to recognize first who is the interlocutor and where the place. It means that interlocutor and place will influent the structure of the language, the lexical resource and the intonation of speech. Moreover, the background of interlocutor will also influent the speaker about what thing should be said. In sociolinguistics is kind of language phenomenon is called as language styles. Language style could occur because of the different of background between the interlocutor and speaker.

According to Holmes & Zealand (2017) people may use different pronunciations, vocabulary, grammar, or style of language for different purposes. People may use different dialect of a language in different contexts and in some communities people select different languages according to the situation in which they are speaking. In addition, the language style can be affected by the situation and a status of the speaker in the conversation. To figure out this point, it can be illustrated like for example the president. President will use the formal language to deliver a speech in front of the citizen. Due to president is a high status, it is automatically that president will use the formal one. It is to give impression to the citizen. While for another case of the spouse. When the spouse have the conversation, it will be different from president language style. The spouse will use the informal language style. If the spouse use the formal one, it will be considered as the stranger, and it will not match with their relationship. In spouse case, the choosing of informal language style will be good for them to maintain the relationship between them and to create the harmony situation.

One of the main focuses in this research is language variety. Language variety includes the difference of pronunciation, grammar, or word choice. Those language varieties are influenced by region, educational background, and degree of formality in which language is used. In expressing their idea and thought, people express it through different language style. People use different language style because of social factors behind it. Holmes &

Zealand, (2017) stated that certain social factors have been relevant in accounting for the particular variety used-the social setting and function of the interaction.

According to Martin Joos, language style means the form of language that the speaker uses and it is characterized by a scale of formality. Joos divides the language style into five forms, there are frozen style, formal style, consultative style, casual style and intimate style. Every style has the certain function such as casual style which is appropriating in conversation and intimate commonly in conversation with the closer person such as family or friend. We can know the application and the function of language style in real life by watching the movie, speech, reading newspaper or finding on social media applications. In this paper would be analyze the language style in the speech. There are a lot of speech which contain of language style which can be analyzed, but in this paper would use Mufti Ismail Menk in E-Khutbah Blessing From The Outbreak

Ismail ibn Musa Menk is known as Mufti Ismail Menk or Mufti Menk is a muslim cleric from Zimbabwe. He was born at 27th June 1975 Harate, Zaimbabwe. He has a great understanding about islam deeply. He spreads islam to people in different way and unique because Mufti Menk speading islam in a gentle way and not scared people with fatwas. Mufti Menk uses social media to spead islam such as facebook, instagram, twitter and YouTube. He rises the theme such as motivation, self-correction with point to general muslim. He has a simple mottoe but meaningfull “*Do good, help others while preparing for the Hereafter*”. Mufti Menk had achieved many awards along his career such as, Top 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World since 2010, KSBA Global Leadership Award Social Guidance and Honourary Doctorate Social Guidance Aldersgate University.

There were some researchers who have analyzed language style, the first was Abidin(2018) A Study of Language Style Used by Characters in Frozen Movie, UIN Sunan Ample Surabaya. This study used movie as the main object and applied the theory of Mantin Joos. The researcher found four types of language style. There are formal style, casual style, consultative style and intimate style. From the findings that have been analyzed by using Joos’ theory, the researcher concluded that the most utterances used by the characters of the “Frozen” movie were casual style. It appeared in seventeen utterances. Then, formal style appears in nine utterances. Then, consultative style appears in eight utterances. The last, intimate style appears in five utterances. Meanwhile, frozen style is not found in character’s language style because they did not have authority to use frozen style and the social factor also did not influence them to use it

The second was Aflahah(2017)*Language style of Habiburrahman El-Shirazy in The Dwilogy of Ayat-Ayat Cinta, A Stylistic Study*. This study used novel Dwilogy Away-Ayat Cinta as the main object. The researcher used stylistic study to reveal how the language style is used and what effects are resulted. *Descriptive method was used to describe the linguistic facts such as the language style based on lexical choice, sentence structure. The use of language style based on lexical choice (diction) in DAAC showed a typical language style of HES as well as shows his ability as a Da’i and man of letters. The analysis of language style based on sentence structure and direct/indirect meaning illustrates the descriptive style of HES. Through language style, Habiburrahman El-Shirazy showed the emotions experienced by the characters properly so it attracted the readers to give empathize.*

This paper will analyze the language style used by Mufti Ismail Menk in his speech in the video entitled Blessing From The Outbreak. The video was taken on 17 April 2020. The video said about looking to the positive side of the existence of COVID-19 for us to be colser to the God. COVID-19 is speading and take someone live away rapidly. Mufti Menk, in his speech entitled *Blessing During The Outbreak* informed and pursuded people especially the muslim to learn from this phenomenon. The reason of the researcher uses this E-Khutbah title Blessing During The Outbreak by Mufti Ismail Menk as data source in this research

because first, COVID-19 still exist in this world even the shape is unseen by oureyes, as the muslim we need to learn from this phenomenon. Second, there are many point of view about the assessment of COVID-19, such as in education field which make student take along time-off the class room study, economic field which make many labour should stay at home and no working anymore untill this COVID-19 end therefore impact to economic in family. Third, it need to learn COVID-19 phenomenon from religious field and possitive assessment. Based on the background above, the researcher tries to discover the type of language style and its function that used by Mufti Ismail Menk in E-Khitbah Blessing from The Outbreak. In addition the research objective of this paper that this researchis expected to be useful for those interested in the same field of sociolinguistics research especially language style. This research is also expected for reader to know the type and the factors of language style to be used in real life conversation.

RESEARCH METHOD

The researcher applied the qualitative research method in this research. Qualitative research was an approach for exploring and understanding the meaning individuals or groups ascribe to a social or human problem. This research applied a theory from Joos about language style toward Mufti Menk's utterances as stated in Creswell & Creswell(2018) that qualitative research is an approach for testing objective theories by examining the relationship among variables.

This research used qualitative method. Qualitative research involves to discover of the meaning of people's lives. Moreover qualitative research is driven by desire to explain the social behavior and thinking, through existing or emerging concept. Qualitative technique was suitable with the language research because after collecting the data, it would be transformed into some explanation or interpretation. The subject of this research was the movie entitled *Blessing During The Outbreak*. The researcher used the data which was downloaded on Mufti Menk's YouTube channel, the video can be accessed on the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0zF8SXyfXg&t=15s> . That video is the main data of this research because the data took from Mufti Menk's utterance in that downloaded video. This research used document analysis as a technique to collect the data. According to Frey(2018) that document analysis is a form of qualitative research that uses a systematic procedure to analyze documentary evidence and answer specific research questions. Similar to other methods of analysis in qualitative research, document analysis requires repeated review, examination, and interpretation of the data in order to gain meaning and empirical knowledge of the construct being studied. There are some steps to collect the data based on document analysis technique, there are looking for English speech video, downloading the video, making the transcription of the speech, watching the whole speech and looking at the transcription in order to note the important relevant data which related to language style.

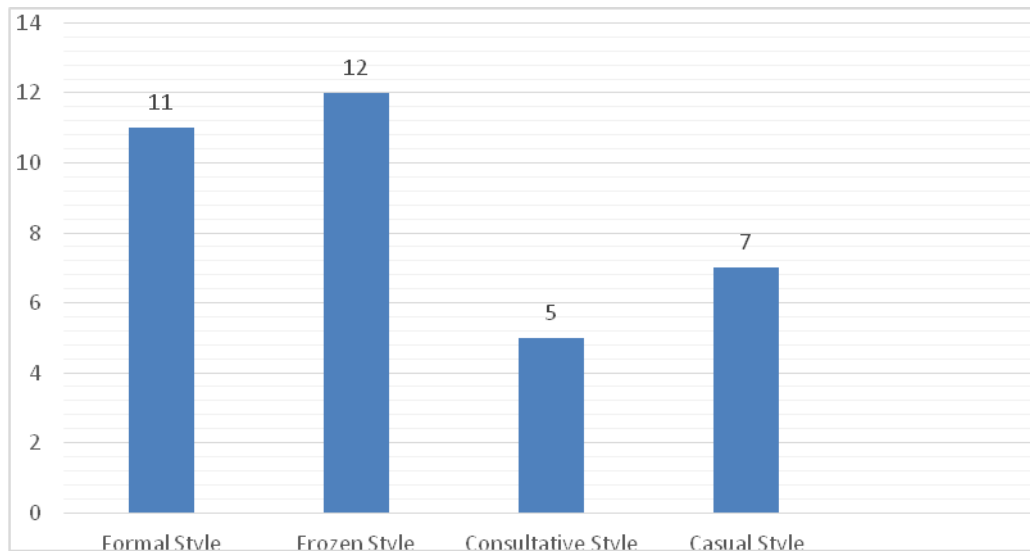
This research used descriptive analysis as the technique of data analysis because it is appropriate for explaining and interpreting the data collection To analyze the data first the researcher identified the utterance of Mufti Menk. The researcher identified Mufti Menk's utterances that include to the types of language function while watching and listening to his utterance. The second the researcher classified the found utterance into the type of language function. The third the researcher explained the utterance based on the situation and the language figure that Mufti Menk's use. The last the researcher conclude the data finding into summary.

FINDINGS

After analyzing the language styles utterance from "*Mufti Menk in E- Khutbah Blessing from the Outbreak*", the researcher found 35 utterances that show language style. Then, the researcher classified the data based on Joos's theory, there were: formal style,

casual style, consultative style, and intimate style. For the second finding was about the factor that affect the character speaks in different style based on Holmes’s theory. The researcher merely presents several of necessary data due to the effectiveness of the writing.

Graph.1 the data findings of type of language style in Mufti Menk E-Khutbah.



DISCUSSION

The researcher identified types of language style that is formal, frozen style, consultative and casual style and also the function which influencing Mufti Menk is using different language style. In this research, does not find the intimate style because this is the speech, therefore if someone is delivering the speech does not use the intimate style. It is not the same as usual conversation between two people or close family. There are 35 data which found in Mufti Menk’s E-Khutbah blessing from the Outbreak.

1. Type of Language Style on Mufti Menk’s E-Khutbah

a. Formal Style

Formal style is the style which grammatically well-formed and easy to be understood. This style avoids contraction, uses pronunciation stress and intonation carefully. This type of language style can be found in speech, formal meeting, and letter. This kind of speech has its own standard. The strong characteristic of this type is usually more complex and it has the standard of grammatical structure. The below data are some examples of formal style which used by *Mufti Menk in E-Khutbah Blessing from the Outbreak*.

Datum 1

My brothers and sister. The first reminder as usual is the reminder to draw closeness to Allah SWT, to become closer to Allah as the days pass from indeed every passing day is a day closer to the day that we will be meeting with Allah SWT.

The utterance above shows that Mufti Menk used formal style. His utterances grammatically well. The situation in that utterance is Mufti Menk tries to persuade the hearers to be closer to The Creature, Allah SWT. Therefore he uses the correct grammar in order not to lose its essential to be closer to Allah. The next example also presents formal style.

Datum 2

My brothers and sisters. Calamity strike, difficulty was promised by Allah SWT to humankind and Allah SWT says He will test us and He will continue to test us with various tests.

The data above shows the kind of formal style used by Mufti Menk. His utterances used correct grammatical form. For one example he used passive voice well on the utterance “*difficulty was promised by Allah SWT to humankind*”.

Datum 3

We are definitely going through challenging times across the globe at the moment but my brothers and sisters a lot of goodness has come out of this.

The utterance above is kind of formal language style. There is no any contraction in that utterance. Mufti Menk did not say “*We’re*” but he clear pronounce “*We are*” and also the rest utterances are grammatically construct well.

Datum 4

How many of us have become closer to the Almighty developed a consciousness upon levels that never was within our own hearts minds, bodies and systems.

The data above shows Mufti Menk utterance which include to the formal language style, because there are long and unstopping utterance that contain the important message. Even though in a long sentence, Mufti Menk consist use the grammar form, grammatically well.

Datum 5

So if we were to pray together in our houses we have for the first time understood this hadith and the narration of Prophet Muhammad PBUH.

The sixth data above still include to the formal language style. Even the utterance is not in a long sentence but it used complicated grammatical form. The utterance above is grammatically well constructed by Mufti Menk even little bit complicated.

b. Frozen Style

Frozen Style is usually uses long sentence with good grammatical and vocabulary. This style is the most formal one. It is usually used in situation that is very formal and has symbolic value, such as in formal ceremonies and court, constitutions, church ritual and state documents. For instance, the speech in a mosque, state ceremony, The characteristics of frozen style are the use of maintained and unchanged sentence structures, the use of long and careful sentence constructions, the use of exaggerated intonation, and also almost no responses between the speaker and hearer. Another characteristic of this type is such a long speech which could not be cut in the middle of the utterance. Sometime the listener should really pay attention and listen carefully to kind of this style. The frozen style requires the listener or interlocutor to listen to the speaker carefully with the focus. This is because the speaker uses the long sentence and the words are complete. The interlocutor does not permit in giving the question if the speaker has not finished the utterance. Here are the representatives of the data finding in this research.

Datum 6

My brothers and sisters we praise Allah SWT upon All conditions and we send blessing and salutations upon Muhammad SAW, his household, his companions may Allah bless every on of us too and protect us from all evils.

The data above is including to the frozen language style because the structure of the sentence use the unchanged sentence structure. The same frozen style also found in the data below.

Datum 7

However, Allah SWT has told us that He has favored us in ways that we will never ever know He has favored us in ways we will never be able together if we were to try and count them, listen to what Allah says.

In the second data found, here Mufti Menk uses the exaggerated intonation little emphasize to what he is talking about.

Datum 8

Take a look at those even the non-believers who have succeeded in worldly life that is very temporary many times we hear of they gave failed initially and as a direct result of that failure they ended up in a place where they succeeded in an unimaginable way.

The data above is including to the frozen language style because grammatically well formed. It can be seen he uses the relative clause many times such as in “*the non-believers who have succeeded in worldly life that is very temporary many times*” and “*as a direct result of that failure they ended up in a place where they succeeded in an unimaginable way*”.

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Datum 10

It's our time to shine, to prove your character and conduct, didn't you hear the Prophet PBUH says this you should be knowing off by heart by now but it's not good to just know it off by hearth without practicing upon it

The datum 20 is including to the frozen style because when Mufti Menk delivering the message from the prophet PBUH, Mufti Menk uses the form reported speech and well gerund such us in “*without practicing upon it*”.

c. Consultative Style

This is the third style in language style. Consultative style is kind of language style which uses a complete grammar but sometimes it is mixed construction. In this style, the pronunciation is clear. This style of language is operational. Therefore, it can be said between in formal and casual style. The below data are some examples of consultative style which used by Mufti Menk in E-Khutbah Blessing from The Outbreak.

Datum 11

People have realized the presence of Allah the reality of where we're heading how temporary this life is and how quickly it can actually be taken away, we're definitely

going somewhere where, well Allah has told us the one who created us in the first place, He is the one who will resurrect us and he is the one who will take care of us.

The data side is kind of Consultative Style. Mufti Menk uses the complete grammar but he mixes it with contraction base on “*people have realized the presence of Allah the reality of where we’re heading how temporary this life is*” but he keeps his utterance in clear pronunciation.

Datum 12

People are starting to ponder over the Almighty for the first those who never had belief those who’ve been weak in their belief are starting to think about the Almighty starting to turn to him, people who never prayed have started praying, people who’ve never thought about being modest are now taking it more seriously, people who’ve never thought about the prohibitions and why they are there have now started staying away from these prohibition, is this not in a way part of the favors of Allah SWT.

The data above is kind of consultative language style. Mufti Menk uses many of contractions like “*who’ve*”, like in the sentence “*those who’ve been weak in their belief*”, “*people who’ve never thought about being modest*” and “*people who’ve never thought about the prohibitions*”

Datum 13

Let’s take a look at the first point gaining to Allah, how many of you? And let’s be honest have become more conscious of Allah as a result of what’s going on, as a result of witnessing the helplessness of everybody across the board, as a result of witnessing a virus that we can not see with the naked eye,

The data above is kind of consultative language style. Mufti Menk uses many of contractions like “*let’s*”, like in the sentence “*Let’s take a look at the first point gaining to Allah,*”, and “*And let’s be honest have become more conscious of Allah*”

Datum 14

And this is why sometimes when we’re distant from Allah, Allah taps us out of His love, a reminder to say turn to Me, I am the supreme, I made you in the first place, I created you, I’ve provided the basics for you and the times even more than the basics, you’re going to come back to Me, and I’m the one who’s going to take care of you forever and ever.

The data above is kind of consultative language style. Mufti Menk uses many of contractions like “*we’re*”, “*I’ve*”, “*You’re*”, and “*Who’s*” like in the sentence “*, I’ve provided the basics for you and the times even more than the basics, you’re going to come back to me, and I’m the one who’s going to take care of you forever and ever.*”

Datum 15

What is meant by this is don’t let your houses be void of the acts of worship praise Allah in your houses, worship Allah in your houses, ask a goodness in your houses and more than anything else, pray! Pray! In your houses.

The last data is kind of consultative style, because Mufti Menk uses contraction word “*don’t*”, not only that to emphasize his utterance, Mufti Menk uses the repetition word in “*pray*”.

d. Casual Style

The last type of language type is close style. This style usually used and implement to those who have close relationship. This type also has the relax situation in the conversation because this is informal situation. Due to the closely of relationship, it does not need well structure. This type also usually uses contraction, repetition, limited expression, and the sentence is usually shortened or elliptical sentence as it is more practical. In addition, this language style also usually used in having vacation, sport or picnic. This type of style also usually combines or mixes with the local language.

Datum 16

Many have dropped out of colleges and then succeeded, many have lost in business and then succeeded, many have been fired from their employment and then succeeded

The data above is kind of casual style, because Mufti Menk uses the repetition in his utterance. It can be seen that there are a lot of “**many**” words. Not only repetition but Mufti Menk also applies short sentences. Another data found about casual style can be found in the data below.

Datum 17

wasn't this Allah SWT who knew and knows the future always, may Allah SWT make it easy for us to comprehend and understand

The data above shows the kind of casual language style, because Mufti Menk uses short sentences, another data found about casual style can be found in the data below.

Datum 18

The Almighty who is giving us a chance a favour Allah SWT wants us to utilize our time in a very productive way so don't waste your time. It is an opportunity the ease in the difficulty is manifest.

The last data is kind of casual style because Mufti Menk uses the contraction “**don't**” and trying to build the close relationship with the audience by saying “**our**”.

Datum 19

What I've learned from COVID-19 is something amazing yes as difficult as it is and as much as it pains us to see those affected and to see it's spreading and to see the toll rising and many people losing their lives on daily basis as much as it pains us

The data found there is kind of casual language style. Mufti Menk uses the repetition pattern of comparative by using “**as**”. Another data found about casual style can be found in the data below.

Datum 20

And we keep praying and we keep trying let's looking at some of the positive

From the side data it is kind of Casual style because Mufti Menk uses the pattern repetition in his utterance “*And we keep praying and we keep trying*” Also Casual Style usually uses contraction. Here Mufti Menk uses “*let's*” it is the contraction from “Let us”.

2. Factor That Affect Mufti Menk Speaks in Different Style

When people try to interact with their interlocutors, there will be a determination about what topic they should deliver and how the way to deliver it. This because the interlocutor will have different self-background. Therefore, the speaker should know first the character of the interlocutor in order to make the communication flow smoothly. In this occasion, the researcher notices two aspects found which influences Mufti Menk uses

different style based on Holmes' theory, there are participant and topic. As what Holmes & Zealand (2017) stated the way people talk is influenced by the social context in which they are talking. As in the above chapter explanation that in communication, people may use more than one language style and may switch between different language styles. Here are the factors that influence Mufti Menk in using different language style:

a. Participant

The first is participant. The participants that are mostly involved in conversation, because this is not the conversation, therefore the participant which involved in the speech is the people who listen and watch the speech. The participant who listens and watches Mufti Menk's speech has any kind of backgrounds. Therefore, Mufti Menk sometimes uses different style to adapt his audience understand his utterance.

b. Topic

The second factor that found in Mufti Menk's E-Khutbah is Topic. Topic refers to "what is being talked about" (Holmes & Zealand, 2017). Mufti Menk explain many positive things which make the participants realize to see the Outbreak from positive side. Therefore, Mufti Menk uses a different language style in his speech to deliver his utterance and in order to make the participant understand his utterance.

CONCLUSION

The researcher finds four types of language style used by Mufti Menk in his E-Khutbah Blessing from The Outbreak. There are formal style, frozen style casual style, and consultative e style. As the result of this research there are 35 data which found, there are divided into: 11 formal styles, 12 frozen styles, 5 consultative styles, and 7 casual styles. From the findings that have been analyzed by using Joos' theory, the researcher concludes that Mufti Menk uses Formal style often because this is speech. The first type is Formal style. Formal style is grammatically well formed and easy to be understood. This style avoids contraction. It also uses pronunciation stress and intonation carefully. The writer wants to give some suggestions for future researchers on language style. Due to language style is divided in to two types, there are oral language style and written language style. Therefore, the language styles used in both of these styles are different. Furthermore, the next researcher should investigate the language style on other kinds of form, such as movie, song, comment on social media, talk-show, newspaper, interview, novel, figure, conference and another type which language has a role in it. Second, the researcher hopes that the further research will be discussed about language style which correlated to the gender of man and women, or even language style which used by children. The language style can be also developed among the people with different self-background. Therefore, this topic can be discussed broadly in further.

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