

FORMS AND FUNCTIONS OF JAVANESE SWEARING WORDS: An Ethnolinguistics Study

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Abstract

The paper discusses the forms and functions of Javanese swearing words used in the Javanese speech community. Although swearing words are universal, meaning that each ethnic and the language used by people of that ethnic has that phenomenon around the world, the forms of such expressions are different from one language to the others due to the different values, norms, and traditions backgrounding the use of the language in the speech community. The data for the study were collected from areas where conflicts may easily take place among the members residing in the places by applying an observing and recording method. The results show ten types of swearing expressions used by Javanese people in their speech community. A wider and deeper observation and analysis on the same phenomena is expected to add and to enrich the findings of the study, so that the expressive and emotive aspects of Javanese language can be more elaborated.

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