

# The Disclosure of Javanese Language Ancient Vocabulary in Ponorogo as an Area which Inherit Majapahit Culture Seen from Dialectology Approach

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## Abstract

The retention of cultural tradition which is done by Ponorogo people in East Java makes the excursion connected to ancient Javanese language vocabulary is interesting to observe. This thing is caused by the retention of ancient culture which is exist in Majapahit kingdom era is preserved by Ponorogo people which is nowadays known and popular as **Reog Ponorogo** (Ponorogo Government, 1996). In Reog there is a gemblakan tradition which is done by waroks or we usually notice it as a powerful and valorous figure with *kuda kepang* dancer or usually called as gemblak (Zamzam, 2005). **Uniquely**, gemblakan tradition is a homo sexual tradition to maintain warok's power. In line with that, this research will try to reveal the Javanese language ancient vocabulary trace in Ponorogo, **East Java based on dialectology approach**. This approach is considered as a relevant approach which can inventory the local language from the result of the primary language data collection in the field (Badan Bahasa: 2008). Moreover, this research is also beneficial to prove whether the culture retention is directly proportional with language retention, especially ancient vocabulary.

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