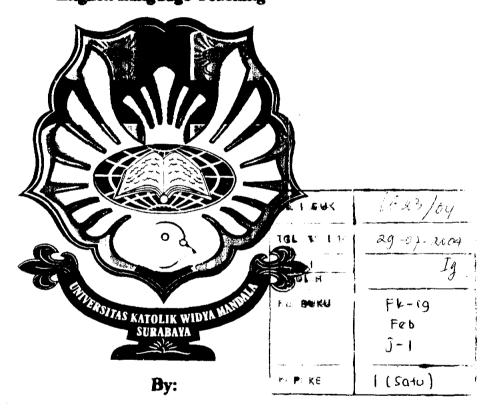
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In daily conversation, Javanese became use Javanese language when they speak to one another people which come to Javanese to communicate to each other. Javanese language condition itself nowadays is very anxiously because the changes of war. Many Javanese sometimes do not use the right speech level in choosing the words they utter. Javanese themselves are distinguished in two kinds of social groups, they are *priyayi* and *non-priyayi*. In social relationship, both of the social groups have their own way in selecting the appropriate levels of word choices. In this study, the writer wants to observe the Javanese speech levels in terms of word choices as displayed by *priyayi* and *non-priyayi* in Yogyakarta in informal situations.

There are two kinds of problems which the writer wants to answer: which word choices of Javanese Speech Levels are used by *priyayi* and *non-priyayi* in Yogyakarta in informal situations and what the underlying factors influence the participants in uttering their word choices of Javanese Speech Levels. In answering those two questions, the writer made an observation, interview and questionnaire in order that she could get the data for the study.

To collect the data, the writer asked her informants about the details of Javanese Speech Levels while she recorded the conversations herself without being involving in the conversations. The writer took 10 subjects in recording the data and answering the questionnaire.

The writer found that the word choices of Javanese speech levels that are used by *priyayi* and *non-priyayi* are noun, verb, adverb, adjective and pronoun. The underlying factors which influence the participants are: (1). The degree of formality or social distance in the relationship between the speaker and addressee; whether their relationship are close or distant, (2). The difference of social status of the addressee; they belong to *priyayi* or *non-priyayi*, (3). The difference age of the participants.

From the data the writer concludes that Javanese always select the word choices of speech levels based on social distant, social status and age between the participants. The level of formality or social distance in the relationship determines the selection of word choices of Javanese Speech Levels. The social status of the addressee determined of whether the addressee itself belongs to what group they were in: a group of *priyayi* a group of *non-priyayi*. Age can consider as one of the important factors in determining the word choices of Javanese Speech Levels