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ABSTRACT

A STUDY ON CODE SWITCHING AS DISPLAYED IN THE INFORMAL HOME SITUATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GEK INDONESIAN FAMILIES

This study examined the existence of code switching done by the members of the Gek Indonesian families in Surabaya occurring in the informal home situations.

The writer collected the data by using a tape recorder (Sony) as the audio recording and the noted diary. The data are in the form of four conversations taken in the real situations. Then, the writer transcribed and analyzed the data under the parameters (the subjects, age, background of the family, first language, degree of fluency of a language compared with the other (s), status, distance, time, setting, topic and languages that were used).

Based on the analyses, the writer found out that the switchings that mostly occured were the switchings from Indonesian into Gek. The other findings show that the main reasons causing the people to switch code were (1) the background of the participants who are from pure Gek families, (2) the ordinary topic, (3) being more fluent and more at ease to use Gek, and (4) being largely confined to home and neighborhood.

Since the research covers only the 'insiders' of Gek families, it cannot represent all Gek families, or even Chinese families in Surabaya. Therefore, it is suggested that the following researchers, who deal with code switching, may include a wider scope, for example: Gek families who are not bound into one's relatives, or Gek families compared with other tribe(s) of Chinese offsprings in Indonesia.