MODERN JAVANESE OF YOUNG USERS FOR ARTICLES ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Abstract

The paper discusses one of modern Javanese varieties obtained by young speakers in expressing ideas on Information Technology through written texts. The objectives of the study are to realize the capability of such a variety in accommodating the articles, to describe the characteristics of the language related to the grammar and the word choices. Two articles on information technology in a Javanese magazine named Panjebar Semangat were taken as the object of the analysis. The texts were cut into clauses and an analysis on the grammatical construction was carried out to see the characteristic related to the syntactic structure. Furthermore, an analysis was also performed on how words were selected for the articles. The findings show that the Javanese structures do not change much as the grammatical constructions of this modern Javanese for IT articles do not show differences from other Javanese registers. On the other hand, the words which are selected for the texts are much dominated by those which are imported from other languages, especially Indonesian and English. The borrowings are of two types—direct and indirect import. The former are taken directly from Indonesian or from English, whereas the latter come to Indonesian first then they are taken into Javanese. This condition gives a sign that this local language is changing if we don't want to say dying. The changing is shown by the most recent features which are demonstrated by the grammar construction and the lexical selection.

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