

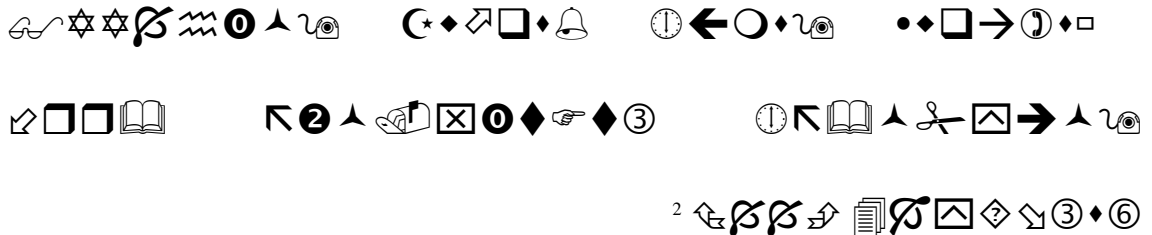
CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Rationale

The effective tool to know one another is language. Language as a communication tool will makes us be able to express our feeling, idea and our wishes, and to know another feeling, idea or wishes. Language also will make us be able to close with another, as Mary Mc Groatry said, language is an intimate part of social identity"¹. So, polite is very important for every one

Polite is one of characteristics of someone emotional question. Polite in speaking makes us be respected and looks educated. Every religion command to their followers to be polite each others, although in different religion or belief. Polite also use to all people and everything in the world. As stated in holy Quran (Thaha : 44) as follows:



¹ Sandra Lee mc Kay, nancy H. Hornberger, *Sociolinguistics and Language teaching*, (Cambridge:University Press, 1996)p. 3

² A. Yusuf Ali, *The Holy Qur'an(Text Translation and commentary)*. (Maryland USA: Amana Corporation, 1983)p. 798

Polite according to the Aa gym or Abdullah Gymnastiar, in his book *Indahnya Kasih Sayang*, said “ Always look for our ability to make people happy, as giving smile, looks happy, and giving present as polite of speaking, present as something use, or present ask to God for people happiness.³

When we have conversation with our friend, the important thing is that we can understand each other what we mean in conversation. Besides to master many vocabularies, speaking politely is one of the easy way to make our conversation enjoyable or interesting. Here is polite according to the English is “polite request” which is the rule for asking something politely or act of politely asking for something.

In realization, based on the first observation at Darul Istiqamah boarding school is one of boarding school that apply English in their daily, all of students except new students have to speak English in their daily. Darul Istiqamah boarding school usually requires the students to speak English in the half month an then Arabic in a half month. The writer is focused the observation only for the fourth and the fifth year, because these students have long time in the boarding school. Although they have long time in boarding school, the habit, the influence of mother tongue and native language is difficult to avoid, in that factors many of students in the fourth and the fifth year still have difficulties in using polite request.

³ Abdullah Gymnastiar, *Indahnya kasih sayang*, (Bandung: MQS Pustaka Grafika, 2002),p 31,32

Based on the problems above, the writer is interested to do research deeply. So, to know further information about that, the writer extends to conduct a research on “ The Use of Polite Request by The Fourth and The Fifth Year at Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School Barabai Central Hulu Sungai Academic Year 2008/2009.

B. Clarification of the Title

To avoid any misinterpretation with the title above, the writer needs to explain some terms on the title as follows:

1. Use

*Kb1. Penggunaan*⁴ employ something for a purpose⁵

2. Polite Request

Act of politely asking for something⁶. Here are the examples of Polite Request:

- Could I borrow this book?
- Would you open the door, please?
- Would you please repeat again?⁷

⁴ John M. Echols and Hassan Shadily. *An English-indonesian Dictionary*(Jakarta :PT Gramedia Pustaka Utama 2005) p.624

⁵ Martin H. Manser, *Oxford Learner's pocket dictionary*(New York: Oxpord University Press) p.455

5. *Ibid.* 352

- Would you type this letter for me, please?⁸

2. The Fourth

Students who were four years in the Darul Istiqamah Islamic boarding school for Girl.

3. The Fifth

Students who were five years in the Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School for Girl.

Based on the explanation above, the title of the paper, writer means here is a research activity about polite request that is used by students class four and five at Darul Istiqamah Islamic boarding school for Girl.

C. Reason For Choosing the Title

There are some reasons that based on adopting the title, they are:

1. Remembering that English is an international language, The important language to communicate to people in the world, therefore using the language have to be correct and politely.

⁷ Darly Smith and Drs. Anton Idel. *Basic English Conversation*, (no place: Gita Media Press, 2003)p. 44,45, 46.

⁸ M.J. Lado .*Complete English Grammar*(Jakarta: Titik Terang, 2007)p. 92

2. Request is always spoken in daily (informal) and also when asking something, in the formal, as discussion or debate.
3. Speaking skill is one of skill that needs more practice to make communication correctly.

D. Formulation of the Problem

1. How is the knowledge of the fourth and the fifth year in polite request?
2. How is the use of polite request in daily (informal) and formal by the fourth and the fifth year students at Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School.
3. What factors influence the use of polite request by the fourth and the fifth year at Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School Barabai Central Hulu Sungai Academic year 2008-2009

E. The Purposes of the Research

1. To know how is the knowledge of fourth and fifth year in polite request.
2. To know how is the use of polite request in daily (informal) and formal by the fourth and the fifth year at Darul Istiqamah.

3. To know the factors which influence the use of polite request by the fourth and the fifth year at Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School Barabai Central Hulu Sungai Academic year 2008-2009

F. Significance of the Research

The result of this research is expected to give contribution as follows:

1. Additional references for Darul Istiqamah Islamic Boarding School for Girl Barabai about language development especially in application the polite request.
2. Valuable information for the students to increase their speaking skill in polite request.
3. Enrich the writer's knowledge and experience in the specific research especially about English.
4. As a contribution for library of IAIN Antasari Banjarmasin.

G. Organization of the Writing

This study is divided into five chapters, as follows:

Chapter I contains of introduction which consist of rationale, clarification of the title, reason for choosing the title, formulation of the problem, the purpose of the research, significance of the research, organization of the contents.

Chapter II contains theoretical review, which consist of the definition of polite request, polite request can be spoken in many ways, Characteristic of Good Sentences in Asking or Request Politely, Influential factors in the Usage of Polite Request.

Chapter III contains method of research used in this study, which consist of subject and object, data, source of data, techniques of data collecting, basic frame of the research, design of measurement, technique of data processing and analysis then research procedure.

Chapter IV Report of research result, which is consist of description of research location, data presentation and data analysis.

Chapter V closure, which consist of conclusions and suggestions.