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This study aims to analyze the characteristics of women's language in writing a descriptive text. There are two problems in this study, including (1) what are the types of women's language features used in writing a descriptive text and (2) how do EFL learners used women's language features to convey the meaning in writing descriptive text. The research uses a qualitative descriptive approach because the data is analyzed and explained in the form of words and sentences. The research data was taken from descriptive texts written by EFL learners UIN Malang majoring in English literature in the fourth and sixth semesters. The data were analyzed using a theory from Lakoff (1975). The results showed that there are six types of women's language features used by EFL learners in writing descriptive texts about friends. There are lexical hedges or fillers, intensifier, empty adjective, emphatic stress, precious color terms, and tag questions. Then, EFL learners use women's language features to convey the descriptive meaning of the text such as convey the statements with uncertainty, strengthen and emphasize statements, convey the praise and admiration, convey the messages and opinions more strongly, convey more detailed and specific colors, also confirm and ensure that the statements are correct so the readers agree with the statements written. The researcher suggests future researchers to analyze the women's language features in two forms, namely writing and speech and distinguish whether there is a difference from two different sources.

مستخلص البحث

نادية جونيتا أيو. ٢٠٢٢. حليل خصائص اللغة الأنثوية في كتابة نص وصفي. أطروحة غير منشورة ، الأدب الإنجليزي ، كلية العلوم الإنسانية ، مولانا مالك إبراهيم الدولة الإسلامية جامعة مالانج.

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قدف هذه الدراسة إلى تحليل خصائص اللغة الأنثوية التي يستخدمها طالبات اللغة الإنجليزية كلغة أجبية في كتابة نصوص وصفية عن الأصدقاء. هناك مشكلتان سيتم تحليلهما في هذه الدراسة ، وهما (1) ما هي أنواع الخصائص اللغوية الأنثوية التي يستخدمها متعلمي اللغة الإنجليزية كلغة أجبية في كتابة نصوص وصفية عن الأصدقاء و (2) كيف يتعلم متعلمي اللغة الإنجليزية كلغة أجبية في كتابة نصوص وصفية كتبها طلاب اللغة الإنجليزية كلغة أجبية في جامعة الدولة الإسلامية مولانا مالك إبراهيم مالانج ، وتخصص في الأدب الإنجليزي في من نصوص وصفية كتبها طلاب اللغة الإنجليزية كلغة أجنبية في جامعة الدولة الإسلامية مولانا مالك إبراهيم مالانج ، وتخصص في الأدب الإنجليزي في الفصلين الرابع والسادس. تم تحليل البيانات باستخدام نظرية لاكوف 1975 وأظهرت النتائج أن هناك ستة أنواع من الخصائص اللغوية الأنثوية يستخدمها الفصلين الرابع والسادس. تم تحليل البيانات باستخدام نظرية لاكوف 1975 وأظهرت النتائج أن هناك ميتخدم طلاب اللغة الإنجليزية كلغة أجنبية خصائص متعلمي اللغة الإنجليزية كلغة أجنبية من العمل العبرات بالكفر ، وتقوية العبرات والتأكيد عليها ، ونقل المديح والإعجاب ، ونقل الرسائل والآراء بقوة أكبر ، ونقل المزيد بألوان مفصلة ومحددة ، وتأكيد وتأكد من صحة البيان حتى يوافق القارئ على البيان المكتوب. يقترح الباحثون باحثين مستقبليين لتحليل خصائص لغة المرأة في شكلين ، ها الخطبة والمنطوقة ، وقبيز ما إذا كانت هناك اختلافات من مصدرين مختلفين

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis karakteristik bahasa wanita dalam menulis sebuah deskriptif teks. Terdapat dua masalah yang akan dianalisis dalam penelitian ini, antara lain (1) apa jenis karakteristik bahasa wanita yang digunakan menulis sebuah deskriptif teks dan (2) bagaimana pelajar bahasa inggris sebagai bahasa asing menggunakan karakteristik bahasa wanita untuk menyampaikan makna dalam menulis deskriptif teks tentang teman. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan deskriptif kualitatif karena data yang di analisa dan di jelaskan dalam bentuk kata dan kalimat. Data penelitian diambil dari deskriptif teks yang ditulis oleh pelajar bahasa inggris sebagai bahasa asing UIN Malang jurusan sastra Inggris semester empat dan enam. Data di analisis menggunakan teori dari Lakoff (1975). Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa ada enam macam karakteristik bahasa wanita yang digunakan oleh pelajar bahasa inggris sebagai bahasa asing dalam menulis descriptif teks tentang teman. Karakteristik bahawa wanita tersebut diantara lain adalah lexical hedges or fillers, intensifier, empty adjective, emphatic stress, precious color terms, dan tag questions. Lalu, pelajar bahasa inggris sebagai bahasa asing menggunakan karakteristik bahasa wanita untuk menyampaikan makna deskriptif teks seperti menyampaikan pernyataan dengan ketidakyakinan, menguatkan dan menekankan pernyataan, menyampaiakn pujian dan rasa kagum, menyampaikan pesan dan pendapat dengan lebih kuat, menyampaikan warna lebih detail dan spesifik, serta mengkonfirmasi dan memastikan bahwa pernyataannya benar agar pembaca setuju dengan pernyataan yang ditulis. Peneliti menyarankan peneliti kedepan untuk menganalisis karakteristik bahasa wanita dalam dua bentuk yaitu tulisan dan ucapan serta membedakan apakah ada perbedaan dari dua sumber yang berbeda.

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CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Language is one of the essential elements in life because with language, humans can communicate with each other. In the use of language, men are more accessible, difficult to control, and often speak frankly. In contrast, women are identical with polite language and very careful in speaking because it makes them characteristic as women. Hapsari (2013) stated that in conversation, men and boys are generally more tolerated, braver, harsh, and mischievous than women and girls. Additionally, the study conducted by (Indrayani et al., 2019) argued that well-known men communicate more directly, are authoritative and forceful, and are more polite than women.

The difference between men and women in the use of language is a phenomenon that has been studied by some researchers. One example of the social phenomenon of the difference in language use between men and women is that men express everything more concisely than women, who prefer to talk about things in detail. One example of a phenomenon encountered by researcher in everyday life is that women and men tend to have different language use. Women take more care of their way of speaking more politely and feel free to say something spontaneously, especially profanity, besides women use language in more detail more often. Compared to men, who speak more spontaneously and do not hesitate to use less polite words.

In sociolinguistics, it explains why a person uses language differently. One of the concepts is due to gender (female or male). These differences make the criteria for women a gender with its characteristics, regardless of whether they interact orally or in writing (Rawanita, 2019).

Labotka (2009, cited in Aini 2016) explained that women should speak using linguistic characteristics that have been explicitly determined for women. Therefore women become more polite when speaking or writing. In addition, when women use a language, they often refrain from using harsh language because women are considered polite and kind in society. Furthermore, women are required to be feminine and polite. As claimed by Holmes (2001, cited in Pebrianti 2013), women are encouraged to use polite language and speak in conventional forms because they are the guardians of society, especially their children. Women's language is considered more polite than male language. Women are supposed to be particularly careful to say please and thank you and describing something with a better vocabulary than men. Thus, women seem more conservative during communication to prevent mistakes. As Aini (2016) claimed, women are highly aware of language use. Women possess natural linguistic abilities since everything they say can guide their children.

Several studies examined women's linguistics characteristics, using Lakoff's theory to analyze song lyrics, interviews, speeches, books, short stories, and blogs. Itmeizeh et al. (2017) identified Disney's depiction of gender stereotypes in princess films, then examined the growth and altered over time, even if the shift is modest. The research used content analysis to examine the research data. The outcomes reveal that there was balance in the

usage of the features of women's language by woman and man characters in movies. Pebrianti (2017) analyzed the features of women's language in blog posting. The conclusion reveals that 97 posts can be categorized into eight features, with the most used intensifiers, empty adjectives, and avoidance of strong swear words. The purpose of using these features is that they tend to reflect uncertainty and women's lack of confidence in conversation. The other reason is that women have a greater vocabulary level than men.

Pamikat (2018) investigated some features of women's language uttered by Eilis Lacey in a script of a Brooklyn film to discover such women's language features. This study used the qualitative method and analyzed the data using document analysis. The result showed that Eilis Lacey used eight features of female language in the conversation. Soethama et al. (2018) identified the characteristics of women's language in Summer McKeen's vlogs. The study found that there are ten kinds of women's language features. The functions of women's language features are to show uncertainty, respond, and express their feelings gently. Rawanita (2019) examined women's language features in casual conversation. The research found six kinds of women's language features in casual conversation. The most commonly used are lexical hedges or fillers. Besides, Utari (2019) identified the novel Dear of Tomorrow by Maudy Ayunda, an Indonesian female author who uses women's language. The research used qualitative descriptive to analyze and explain the research findings. The study found six features in women's language in the book, and the most frequently used are lexical hedges or fillers.

Ascalonicawati (2020) examined language women's characteristics in Emma Watson's interview. The research employed qualitative and quantitative methods. The result indicates that 9 of the features of women's language used in Emma Watson's interviews and most frequently used are lexical hedges or fillers. Lubis et al. (2020) examined women's language features in Indonesian Television Talk Show. The result found nine kinds of women's language features used in the show, and the most frequently used is a lexical hedge. Herman et al. (2021) investigated women's language features used in Jacinda Arden's COVID-19 speech. A qualitative research design using content analysis was used in this study. The researcher found seven types of female language features used by Jacinda Arden in COVID-19 speech. Yolanda et al. (2021) investigated women's language features used by a woman who masquerades as a man in Mulan 2020 movie. The research used a qualitative method with analytical documents to analyze the data. The results showed that women's language features were spoken in 83.33% and decreased to 58.82% when playing the role of a man. A reduction in the number of percents indicates that when acting as a man, she feels more confident when expressing her opinion in her environment.

This research differs from prior studies in several ways. Although the current study uses the same theory as the previous research, the data is different because of the research data obtained from the text. The researcher has a descriptive text written by EFL learners. It can be the development of science and theory regarding women's language features, primarily via text.

Almost all researchers examine women's language features in oral or spoken, like movies, talk shows, and speeches. The researcher only examines women's language that appears in the text then does not involve the spoken form because someone can be different when using written or spoken language. Hapsari (2013) argued that writers are starting to have greater leeway regarding their language. When someone speaks in public, it is not even everyone they know and are close to. The person may change their use of language because they feel tense and not confident speaking in front of many people. In contrast, people who use language in a written form can be themselves while expressing their feelings through writing. Learners usually have more time to think in writing than in oral activities. Thus, they can stimulate their brains to write better than speak (Harmer 2004, cited in Sadiah et al. 2019).

Besides, this research differs from the other studies because several used film as research data. The films in the research are still made by men, while some researchers want to analyze women's language. Thus the researcher has not purely analyzed women's language. In addition, language analysis only through speech will not be enough because someone will be more different when speaking in public. This research can establish knowledge and profound insight into the women's language characteristics in descriptive used by EFL learners. There are several types of text in writing, one of which is descriptive text. Gerot & Wignel 1994; Knapp & Watkins, 2005 cited in Noprianto (2017) stated that descriptive text is the type of text an author or speaker uses to

describe a specific thing, person, animal, place, and event to a reader or audience. The descriptive text has two parts, identification, and description. Sadiah et al. (2019) described identification as how the author imagines the place, person, animal, or object he describes. The description is about animals, things, places, or people, describing their characteristics, shapes, colors, or anything related to what the author is describing.

The meaning of EFL learners is those who learn English as Foreign Language in a Non-English speaking country (Yoko Iwai 2011, cited in Peng Si, 2019). It concluded that EFL learners are those who learn English, which is not their official language or first language. This study's object is EFL because previous studies have widely used native speakers as research data. Such as native speakers in English, both British and American, and native speakers in Indonesia and Japanese from various sources such as interviews, movies, and speeches. In the current study, the researcher used EFL Learners to develop new knowledge because the data is from non-native speakers and is learning English. In addition, English is not their first or second language but an international language, and they learn English with differences such as accents or dialects.

The researcher chose the topic of 'friend' in the descriptive text because the informants involved in the study belonged to late adolescence. As explained by Fatmawaty (2017), adolescence occurs between 18-21 years. In that period, they began to experience social development, interests, and other individuals. This period encourages late adolescence to have more peer

relationships than in childhood. Therefore, the researcher determines the topic of friend for informants to match their development period where they are experiencing much social development with their friends.

Some researchers assert that the features of women's language do not exist. Svendsen (2018) asserts that the features of women's language do not exist. Women's language occurs because of the assumptions of Lakoff herself, which happened by chance. Additionally, each woman and man talks differently depending on the situation (Mizokami, 2001). Therefore, this research is worth taking because it aims to prove that women's language features actually do exist, besides this research has some differences with previous studies and has an update between the objects of study. From the results of this study, the reader can find out that female language features exist. Women have different language characteristics with men. Thus, they can learn the language features of women from this research to investigate the characteristics of women's language on various objects and then develop the topics.

B. Research Questions

- 1. What are the types of women's language features used in writing a descriptive text?
- 2. How do EFL learners use women's language features to convey the meaning in writing a descriptive text?

C. Significance of the Study

The findings in this study are believed to significantly assist the development of knowledge for educators, lecturers, and researchers of sociolinguistics. It intends that the research is expected to provide a source of data or material for studying sociolinguistics, especially regarding women's language features. Lecturers can use this analysis to exemplify the women's language used by EFL learners in descriptive texts. This analysis intends to be useful for students, researchers, and other readers to examine the characteristics of women's language but do not understand the concept or interpretation of the theory.

D. Scope and Limitation

The scope of the research particular in the features of women's language used by EFL learners in writing descriptive text about 'friend'. In order to avoid discussion that is outside the focus of the topic, this research has been limited. The first, it is limited to the learners who learn English as a Foreign Language, there are EFL learners from Department of English Literature in Universitas Islam Negeri Maulana Malik Ibrahim Malang in the fourth and sixth semester. The second, descriptive text with the topic about 'friend'. Therefore, this research limited to analysis the types from the women's language features in descriptive text and how EFL learners used women's language features to convey the meaning in descriptive text. Other aspects would not be examined in this research.

E. Definition of Key Terms

The features of women's language mean the characteristics possessed by women. It causes differences with men. These characters are used as they use language to interact with each other. There are lexical hedges, tag questions, rising intonation on declarative, empty adjectives, precise colour terms, intensifiers, hypercorrect grammar, super polite form, avoidance of strong swear words, and emphatic stress (Lakoff, 1975).

Descriptive text is a type used by the author or speaker to describe particular thing, person, animal, place, and or event to the readers or hearers (Gerot & Wignel, 1994; Knapp & Watkins, 2005 cited in Noprianto 2017). EFL learners are those who study English in a non-English speaking country (Yoko Iwai 2011, cited in Peng Si, 2019).

CHAPTER II REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

A. Language and Gender

People use language as a means of communicating with each other. At the same time, gender refers to being a man or woman (Cameron, 2003, cited in Aini, 2016). Aside from that, language and gender are concepts involving variations in the use of language in gender. Hijriyah (2014) states that research on language and gender tends to focus on how gender influences language use. Gender causes some variations and differences in language between men and women. A result of gender differences in conversation strategies and habits has implications for the variety of languages used. The relationship between gender and language has been examined by focusing on the differences between the languages of men and women from different perspectives. In the 1970s, a study of language and gender began, such as (Lakoff, 1975 & Cameron, 2010).

Lakoff (1975) has a perspective on gender and language. In a paper "Language and Woman's Place," Lakoff explored how men and women communicate differently. Women speak indirectly, implicitly, and gently, while men speak directly and prioritize information delivery. As shown in the findings, women are more likely than men to use tag questions and lexical hedges.

Cameron (2010) argues that gender and language are intertwined in everyday life. That relationship resulted in a difference in language use.

Women are better at listening and sharing their emotions with others. Besides the use of language, gender differences can also affect behavioral differences in an article entitled sex/gender, language, and the new biologism, created by Cameron. Cameron criticized a study of language and gender. The study explained that biological factors influenced the use of different languages, and Cameron viewed the investigation as lacking empirical, relying on assumptions with factual allegations.

B. Women's Language

Fishman (1980) scrutinizes how women behave, as well as how they communicate. Fishman examined the performance by looking at several aspects of the interactional setting in which it takes place. In the research, Fishman focuses on two examples of women's linguistic features, particularly the use of "you know and questioning." Fishman chose the following examples because women are considered feminine personalities who are hesitant to initiate socialization through discussion. A recorded conversation between three married couples in their home is the subject of Fishman's investigation. Fishman supports Lakoff's results that women utilize tag questions and declarative questions more than males in this experiment. Fishman attempts to develop one of the dialogue requirements by asking questions (1980).

Women communicate more courteously than men (Jespersen, 2013). Women's speech patterns are smaller and less diversified. Women employ

various language features than men, such as 'pretty' and 'lovely.' Sometimes, women also use adverbs like 'vastly' and 'so.' Furthermore, Jespersen does not get the literature from current women's dialogues; instead, Jespersen refers to women's conversations in men's novels.

C. Women's Language Features by Lakoff

In 1975 Lakoff published a book titled *language and women's place*. The study is set in the background of the arrival of discrimination based on women (Svendsen, 2018). Discriminating is an unfair treatment based on the use of language and the characteristics of speech. At the time, women were thought to speak the polite language and be milder than men.

In this study, researchers utilize Lakoff's (1975) theory because it allowed the researcher to determine if women have characters who speak a different language than men. Aini (2016) examined both (male and female) have different characteristics, although using the same language. In conclusion, the researcher utilized the Lakoff theory (1975) in the investigation. Women's language features identified by Lakoff's concept could be found in almost any women's language. For example, a film, television, blogs, or an interview.

Additionally, this study attempts to identify women's linguistic features in descriptive text. Since the issue of the current study is the same as Lakoff's (1975) examination of women's linguistic features, her theory is applicable to it. Lakoff started this investigation with an intriguing phenomenon to investigate. Women in the era were stereotyped as lacking confidence when speaking. When speaking, women are more courteous, kind, meticulous, and

slow than men. As a result, Lakoff evaluated her utterance and work colleagues, relying on her intuitions to analyze the data. Lakoff determined ten characteristics of women's language in every interaction.

In using the relevant theory, this research is expected to answer all the problems in the study. In the study that has been tested, Lakoff concludes that several kinds describe the characteristics of how women in using language. Previous research has found that women have different linguistic features than men. Women use more explicitly forbidding phrases like fudge than fuck. They also use empty adjectives, hedges, words, and statements as questions and extra polite forms to ask about someone (Aini, 2016). They also employ an empty adjectives, hedging, wording, statements as inquiries, and the extra polite form to inquire about someone.

Lakoff (1975) conducted the study identified ten categories of features in women's language:

1. Lexical Hedges or Fillers

The type of female language features known as lexical hedges or fillers are utilized to make speech appear softer and fill the space in a speaker's address. Lexical hedges or fillers can express belief and doubt regarding the discussed subject. Lexical hedges or fillers are often used when speakers are unsure about what they say (Lakoff, 1975, cited in Utami, 2022). Using a lexical hedge assures that the speaker lacks authority or cannot indicate what they are saying. Thus, when women feel unsure of what they say, they will use lexical hedges or fillers.

Lakoff stated that lexical hedges or fillers have some such examples "anyway, well, I could, maybe, I think, okay, seems, I would, actually, I thought, and yeah, I believe, I mean, you know, well, you see, probably, and like." Namsaraev (2010 cited in Sangketa et al., 2021) asserts some types of hedging devices. These are auxiliary verbs, lexical verbs, probability adjectives, nouns, adverbs, and approximation.

- a. Auxiliary verb is a form of lexical hedging used to convey certainty in disclosing assertions (Cameron & Coates, 2014). Auxiliary verb was divided into the following sections by (Quirk, 2010 quoted in Sangketa al., 2021). First, modal expressions like *can, might, may, and could* were employed to indicate wishes, permissions, and capacities. As *should and must*, the second form of modal is used to state its needs and obligations. Lastly, modals such as *shall, would, and will* are employed to predict and will.
- b. Lexical verb based on Sangketa et al., (2021) both women and men use the lexical verb to indicate uncertainty in communicating. Nevertheless, women use lexical verbs more often than men. A form of the lexical verb is *tend*, *believe*, *think*, *assume*, *suggest*, *indicate*, *argue*, *propose*, *speculate*, *and appear*.
- c. Probability adjective stated by Varttala (2001 cited in Wang et al., 2016) used to express uncertainty, tentative or inexact. Some examples of probability adjectives are *probable*, *likely*, *and possible*.
- d. Noun is a form of lexical hedges that is used to express uncertainty.

- e. Adverb, according to Sangketa al. (2021), is often used by women to amplify tone and express attitudes. Lakoff (1975) found that women use pronouns more often than men. The form of adverbs that women use are *definitely*, *probably*, *obviously*, *awfully*, *and terribly*.
- f. Approximation, as claimed by Dousti and Rasekh (2016 cited in Sangketa 2021) used to vaccination to avoid any misrepresentation of information presented when communicating. Some forms of subjugation often used by women are *usually*, *always*, *never*, *generally*, *sometimes*.

2. Tag Questions

Tag questions are grammatical constructions in linguistics that function to convert declarative become questions in order to obtain information (Yolanda & Bram, 2021). Using tag questions, people may determine whether a specific notion is true. According to Lakoff (1975), tag questions are declarative statements without presumptions that the targeted person may rely upon. When something is unclear, and the speaker thinks the person being addressed has a clearer perspective, they employ tag questions. Lakoff (1975 cited in Utami 2022) said that women use the question tag because they are uncertain or unsure of what is thought and are later transected. Thus the question tag can resolve a problem for women when attempting to express a statement but still has confidence in the expression.

In using tag questions, women and men have the same function, but women often use tag questions more than men do. When one already knows what to say and yet lacks confidence in his resistance. Then they will use tag questions to make that statement can be corroborated by the person. Because they think the person they are talking to will be more aware of the claims. Some examples of tag questions are *Wasn't he?*, *Right?*, *Sure isn't hot here*.

3. Rising Intonation on Declarative

Rising intonation is used when there is a rise in a declarative sentence. Women frequently talk with a higher intonation while posing queries or seeking justification for claims. Women use this feature to react to responses, including yes-or-no questions. Lakoff (1975 cited in Ascalonicawati 2020) stated that declarative forms are used to answer questions, such as a yes-no question, using a typical tone of voice, as in doubt. The rising intonation was illustrative that speakers wanted to confirm something when all they needed was information.

4. Empty Adjectives

Empty adjective are a set of specific and literal adjectives conveying the speaker's approval of anything Lakoff (1975 cited in Aini 2016). One example of language features neutral language because both men and women can use it. Thus, there are some vocabulary that women often such as sweet, lovely, and cute, amazing, adorable, beautiful, precious, cheerful, and charming. At the same time, vocabulary that is considered neutral and can be used by all gender are great, terrific, cool, and neat.

5. Precise Color Terms

Women have the use of different language characteristics and have their uniqueness. Lakoff (1975 cited in Istiqomah 2014) claimed women's language show up in all levels of the grammar of English. One of them is trying to name the colors in more detail. This is what distinguishes the linguistic features of women and men. For women, such as *maroon*, *ruby red*, *chili red*, *blood red*, *pink*, *brick red*. And men only say red.

6. Intensifiers

Intensifiers are word choices used to provide information, strengthen expressions, and emphasize language. Lakoff (1975 cited in Ascalonicawati 2020) examined that women used intensifiers to amplify their statements. But making an intensifier made it even less visible to the individual not to feel that the individual was angry with him. A few words included into such intensifiers such as *so, very, little, just, a lot, definitely, awful, bloody, dead, dreadfully, extremely, quite, really, remarkable, totally, and terribly.*

7. Hypercorrect Grammar

It is a type of the characteristic of women's language to use the language by default. Lakoff (1975) states that women are should not speak roughly. Women have been given a lesson from their parents to speak politely early. Holmes (1992, cited in Indrayani et al., 2019) argue that in social communities, women are advised to use more standard and grammatical languages that are more standard than men.

8. Super Polite Form

The form of super polite form is to use indirect requests and milder comments. Lakoff (1975) explained that part of politeness is allowing others to make decisions without imposing their will or beliefs. For example: will you open the door? In this example is a request for help using a more modest language. Compared to please open the door. Will you open the door? It's better to be used because it has a more refined form.

9. Avoidance Of Strong Swear Words

Women often avoid harsh swear words. Women prefer to soften swear words; for example, they don't use the word "fuck" overtly, often substituting fudge instead. Lakoff (1975 quoted in Aini 2016) says that solid swearing is defined as using terms such as *shit*, *damn*, *hell*, etc.

10. Emphatic Stress

Emphatic stress is used to emphasize the word. In communication, women often use emphatic stress when they speak to express something (Ascalonicawati, (2020). Utari (2019) claimed that in writing a statement, women could use *italic*, *bold*, *coloring*, *repeat*, *capital letters*, *or typing with longer letters to* give reassurance or strengthen the meaning of the statement they have written.

CHAPTER III RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A. Research Design

The descriptive qualitative approach is used to examine the language features of women by EFL learners when creating descriptive text about 'friend.' The researcher chose the qualitative strategy for this study since the study requires thorough comprehension; readers will readily comprehend the conclusions if the qualitative method is used. Furthermore, the data acquired came from descriptive text of EFL learners.

The research data gathered through interviews, observations, documentation, participation, and group discussions is one of the qualitative method's features. Statistics are not utilized to assess data in qualitative analysis; instead, the questioner examines the data (interview transcripts) or images (photographs). Instead of relying on statistical techniques, qualitative researchers analyze words, grouping them into larger understanding meanings, such as codes, categories, or themes (Creswell, 2012). By employing the qualitative approach the researcher expect that audience will achieve a thorough understanding of the subject or topic.

B. Data and Data Source

Descriptive text about 'friend' generated by EFL learners serves as the data source in this research. The data in this study include words and phrases containing several features of women's language. The EFL learners in this research are from the English Literature Department at Universitas Islam Negeri

Maulana Malik Ibrahim Malang. The informants are female students who had studied a subject about writing, especially writing descriptive text.

Women are needed as informants in this research since the research attempts to evaluate women's linguistic features. The participants are from the English Literature Department of Universitas Islam Negeri Maulana Malik Ibrahim Malang, fourth and sixth semester, who passed paragraph writing and essay writing classes. The researcher chose EFL learners as participants because they would be more appropriate when language learners learn about writing. As a result, this study derives data from descriptive texts that have been examined and may be mastered clearly and precisely.

The researcher collects data for the research by using documents. Creswell (2012) classified documents into two types, one of them being private documents. Personal journals and diaries, letters, personal notes, and jottings written to oneself are examples of private documents. The researcher concludes that the data employed in this research are documents because it is a descriptive text written by EFL learners that categorized as a private document.

C. Research Instrument

The researcher is the main instrument in this research because she collected the data by herself and analyzed the data. The researcher is a who collecting and identifies the data into the categorization and description based on the theory.

D. Data Collection

Creswell (2012) stated several procedures for collecting documents as research data. In this research, the researcher used several steps to collect the data. First, the researcher decides to use private documents as research sources. Second, regarding ethics, the researcher first contacted the students and asked for their consent to conduct the research and use students' descriptive text about "friend" as the research data source. Thus, the researcher seeks permission to use them from the person in charge of the materials. Third, the researcher asks participants to make a descriptive text and provide specific instructions about what topic, the format of the descriptive text, the length of the descriptive text, and the deadline to submit the descriptive text. Fourth, after the participants submitted the descriptive text to the researcher, the researcher investigated the documents for accuracy, completeness, and utility in answering the study's research questions. Fifth, the researcher organizes the data into file folders.

E. Data Analysis

The analysis began by determining the types of women's language features used by EFL learners in writing a descriptive text about 'friend.' In the first step, the researcher read one by one all the documents and was concerned about the use of women's language features. In this step, the researcher identifies the types of women's language features based on Lakoff's 1975 theory, classifying the types into ten types. In the second step, the researcher identifies the use of women's language features based on each type by using Lakoff's theory to

investigate how EFL learners used those features to convey the meaning of descriptive text about 'friend'.

CHAPTER IV FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter provides the findings and discussion that covers the analysis and findings of textual analysis to find out what the types of women's language features used by EFL learners in writing descriptive text about 'friend' and how EFL learners use women's language features to convey the meaning in the descriptive writing text about 'friend'.

A. Findings

The data derives from descriptive texts written by EFL learners Universitas Islam Negeri Maulana Malik Ibrahim Malang. The data are analyzed descriptively by using Lakoff's theory (1975). Firstly, the study focuses on the types of women's language features used by EFL learners in writing descriptive text about 'friend'. Secondly, the study focuses on how EFL learners use women's language features to convey the meaning in writing descriptive text about 'friend'.

From forty-five descriptive texts data created by EFL learners, only twenty eight were selected by researcher because they have met the criteria. From the ten kinds of women's language features, there are only six types used by EFL learners to write descriptive text about 'friend'.

1. Types of women's language features are used in writing a descriptive text

The researcher analyzed the data and found six types that EFL learners used in writing a descriptive text about 'friend'; are Lexical Hedges or Fillers, Intensifiers, Tag Questions, Empty Adjective, Precise Color Terms, and Emphatic

Stress. Furthermore, four features of women's language not used in writing a descriptive text about 'friend' are Super Polite Form, Avoiding Strong Swear Words, Hypercorrect Grammar, and Rising Intonation on Declarative.

a. Lexical Hedges or Fillers

In Lakoff's theory (1975), women are said to use more hedges than men. Women use lexical hedges or fillers to express their uncertainty and feel a lack of confidence. There are some words in lexical hedges or fillers such as "I mean, maybe, you know, I think, actually, probably, like, and seems." Analyzing lexical hedges or fillers toward descriptive text written by EFL learners can depict a lacking expression authority about the topic being discussed. From the analysis, there are lexical hedges or fillers such as maybe, I think, actually, seems, and yeah, anyway, okay, well, I could, I would, I thought, I believe, and kind of.

Datum 1

Maybe she doesn't realize that she can make me a positive person.

In datum one telling that the writer has a friend who has a positive vibes and it changes her to be a positive person. But her friend doesn't realize she can be a positive person cause her.

Analysis:

The sentence consist of one hedge, there is "maybe". "Maybe" is one type of lexical hedge that falls into the category of auxiliary verbs.

"Maybe" categorized into lexical hedges or filers because it shows an expression or feeling of doubt. As the writer felt, she turned into someone more positive because her friend had positive vibes. However, the writer felt that her friend was unaware of the cause of her being more positive. With her doubt and unconvincedness, then she used the word "maybe". As she writes on descriptive text, "maybe" she doesn't realize that she can make me a positive person it conclude that the writer feel uncertain or not sure for the statement.

Datum 2

He *seems* enlightened about aspects of life, such as family and relationships and finds it easy to relate to almost anyone or anything.

The datum two tells that the writer's friend feels more understanding about aspects of his life. Her friend is able to think about family and various relationships, besides that her friend is also easy to blend in with all the newly known people.

Analysis:

One of the types of lexical hedges contained in the sentence is "seems". "Seems" used in the sentence serves as a form of uncertainty to the facts expressed. The writer feels not entirely sure of her statement. Hence it uses the word seems as a hedge. She does not fully know about the facts yet, so she uses seems to avoid mistakes over her doubts.

Datum 3

I think that she is a boring person, but I was wrong.

The datum three explains that at the beginning of meeting and getting acquainted with the writer's friend, she thought that her friend was someone who was boring. However, it turned out that she was wrong, her friend is someone who is funny and likes to help.

Analysis:

The type of hedge contained in the sentence is "I think". "I think" is a form of hedge that is used when the writer unsure or uncertain of what they are saying because when the writer met her friend, she felt less sure about the nature of her friend. The writer did not know her friend more closely so she doubted and felt that her friend was a boring person.

Datum 4

And yeah, we've been friends for about eight years.

The example sentence of datum four tells that the writer has a friend who is 21 years old, the writer has been friends with her since senior high school. Since senior high school she has been very close to her friend so she has become a close friend about eight years.

Analysis:

The word "and yeah" from the sentence is a form of lexical hedge or filler. The word "and yeah" is used by the writer to fill in the gap

between the preceding sentence and the next sentence. In addition, the word "and yeah" is also used by the writer because she feels that it need sequence time to write about what is in the next sentence.

Datum 5

Actually, I have many friends but not many best friends.

The datum five explained that during life the writer had many friends but not all became very close friends and good friends. It is just a truly special person that she considers a friend. So, she considered that the very special friend to her was her own parents.

Analysis:

"Actually" in the datum five is categorized as lexical hedge because it serves as an opening sentence that is often used by women. Not only as an opening sentence but "actually" used by the writer to give sequence time to the next sentence.

b. Intensifier

Intensifier is a type of women's language features that are further used by EFL learners in writing descriptive text about 'friend'. Intensifier is used to emphasize and corroborate statements written or spoken. Women usually use intensifiers such as *just*, *really*, *so*, and *very*. From the analysis that has been carried out by researchers, there are several forms of intensifiers.

Datum 1

Dense eyebrows made her look so beautiful.

The sentence in datum one explains that the writer had a friend when she was seven years old. The writer friend was very beautiful, her eyes were jet black with dense eyebrows and it made her friend look so beautiful. Until she thinks that a person can tear through her eyes.

Analysis:

The intensifier contained in that sentence is the word "so". "So" is used as a word booster or strengthen that will be said next. The writer expresses awe towards her friend by reinforcing the statement by saying so beautiful.

Datum 2

I have a very good friend in my life.

Datum two is describing that the writer has a very good friend whom she has known since senior high school. The writer friend was a very trustworthy, lovely person, and already considered like a sister to her.

Analysis:

The word "very" contained in the sentence above is one of the intensifier forms used by EFL learners. "Very" in the sentence is used to strengthen her opinion and gratitude for having such a good friend. The

writer use the word "*very*" when describing her friend as being used to strengthen and suppress her feelings at the time.

Datum 3

She also doesn't *really* like eating differently from me.

The datum three shows that the writer likes to eat very much, in contrast to her friend who really does not like to eat or has trouble eating. When the writer invites her friend to buy food or some snacks, her friend often refuses, besides that her friend has an allergy to some foods such as noodles and eggs.

Analysis:

The writer use the word "really" to strengthen of the meaning that will be said next. She said that her friend "really" does not like to eat differently than herself. "Really" is used to corroborate the statement and prove that she is very confident in her statement, she already know well her best friend and wants to persuade the reader to understand correctly what she is saying.

Datum 4

She is a person who provides *a lot* of good solutions.

The datum four describes that the writer has a very valuable friend in her life because during her friendship, she always has a positive impact on her. Her friend is the second person to be so loved after her family because it always gives strength to be grateful and always encourages her on every issue.

Analysis:

The word "a lot" in the sentence is used to emphasize the meaning of the word. It is explained that the writer friend can give many solutions and there are so many solutions that cannot count so the writer used the word "a lot" to strengthen and emphasize opinion.

Datum 5

He is *just* a normal man with a lot of good problems with family problems.

The datum five tells the writer friend who became a father and brother figure in the family. The writer explained that her friend was also just an ordinary man who had problems in the family. Beside that her friend also replaced the figure of a father who was supposed to be present in his family.

Analysis

As an intensifier, "*just*" is used to intensify the sentence. The sentence becomes stronger and the reader feels that the sentence is emphasized by the writer. In the sentence above, the writer wants to emphasize that although her friend is a cool person among her friends, he is only a normal human being in general who also has family problems.

c. Empty Adjective

According to research conducted by Lakoff (1975) women have a different way of expressing their awe. In some words, women and men have differences. When men say cool, great, terrific. But women say adorable, charming, and lovely. In Lakoff's theory (1975) when a man uses words like those used by the woman, it will have an impact on his reputation as a man.

Datum 1

She has a small but slightly thick lip, a small nose, and a tyrian cheek, which makes her even more *adorable* and beautiful.

Datum one describes the writer friend who has been known since the age of 11. The writer described the characteristics of her friend who has a small but slightly thick lip, a small nose, and a tyrian cheek, which makes her even more adorable and beautiful.

Analysis

"Adorable" used by the writer is to express the writer's awe to her friend. With a sense of pleasure, the writer only expresses her admiration using the word "adorable".

Datum 2

He was a very trustworthy, *lovely* person and I already considered like a sister to me.

The sentence in datum two describes the writer friend who is already very close and considered her own sister. They have been friends for 5 years and her friend is a very trustworthy and lovely person.

Analysis

"Lovely" is only used to express opinions regarding the nature of the writer close friends. Using the word "lovely", it describes that the writer is happy to have friends who have lovely traits.

Datum 3

It has brown eyes with *charming* thin eyebrows and a small nose that can make her face look more perfect.

The sentence in datum three describes the characteristics possessed by the writer friend. Her friend has brown eyes with charming thin eyebrows and a small nose that can make her face look more perfect. The writer explained that her friend has an elegant and perfect character. Therefore many people like and are comfortable being near her friends.

Analysis

"Charming" is one of the empty adjectives because it is used to reveal or describe her friends only. It is nothing more than that, like providing information that is very pocketing and should be emphasized or corroborated. The writer only describes the character of her friend who has charming thin eyebrows.

Datum 4

Her skin is tan and it makes her look very *cute*.

The datum four describes the writer friend who almost has the same face as her. The difference is only in the height and skin colour of her tan friend. She explained that with tan skin, her friend became very cute and more beautiful.

Analysis

The empty adjective used in the sentence is the word "cute". The writer use empty adjectives to express their feelings and opinions about her friends. She wanted to praise her friend using empty adjective through the word "cute".

Datum 5

She was a *sweet*, attractive woman.

The sentence in datum five tells about the writer friend who has been known since the age of 11 years. She described her friend as having a sweet and beautiful face, besides that her friend also has an attractive character. When they are together, there was hardly ever a dull moment when she was around with her jokes and her cute expressions.

Analysis

The word "sweet" that is in the sentence is a form of empty adjective used to describe friends. The empty adjective in the sentence is used to express praise to her friend, that her friend had a sweet and beautiful face.

d. Emphatic Stress

When communicating, women use words that are more emphasized or more strengthened in writing. When expressing opinions, compliments or awe, women write using *bold*, *italic*, *repetitive*, *colored*, *or capital letter*. It is done to put pressure on the written word. The feature used by the woman is emphatic stress.

Datum 1

I want to send a *big thanks* because she is always by my side.

The sentence in datum one explains that the writer has a friend who has been known since entering senior high school. Her friend has a cheerful, talkative, and adaptive character. The writer is very grateful to have a friend like her because her friend is always becoming the first person that she talked to when have a problem. Her friend listens to her the whole time also brings positive vibes into the writer life.

Analysis

Emphatic stress used is the word "big thanks". The use of emphatic stress aims to emphasize the meaning that has been written by the writer. The using of the word "big thanks", readers will think that the

writer feels really very grateful to her friend. So, the function of emphatic stress in the sentence is to persuade the reader to pay attention to what she writes.

Datum 2

Her life motto is "Life must be balanced!"

The datum two describes a friend of the writer who has been known since the 10th grade. The writer and her friend were already very close. Her friend has a friendly and creative nature. During her friendship, the writer felt very interested in her friend's life motto which said that Life must be balanced!

Analysis

An example of emphatic stress used to describe a friend is to use the phrase "life must be balanced!". The motto written by the writer includes emphatic stress because it uses *italic* writing techniques. In addition, the writer also wants to emphasize the sentence by using an exclamation and quotation mark. Thus, the reader considers that the sentence is indeed emphasized to strengthen the meaning of the sentence.

Datum 3

Thank you so much, Aura!

Datum three explains that the writer would like to thank her friend.

The writer feels very lucky to have a friend like her friend. In her opinion,
her friend is the best human being she has ever met in this world because

her friend is always willing to do anything for her family and her. The writer also cannot let the writer get into trouble, and whenever it looks like the writer struggling or upset, her friend always comes to her with some gifts to get mood back.

Analysis

The emphatic stress that appears in the sentence is the use of an exclamation mark at the end of the sentence. Emphatic stress in the sentence is used to express a great deal of gratitude to her friend. Because her friend has always been a person who is willing to do anything for her. With emphatic stress in the sentence, it illustrates that there is an emphasis in writing the sentence to strengthen gratitude to her friend.

Datum 4

That is why his problem-solving skill is *incredible*.

The sentence in datum four describes the writer friend's incredible ability to overcome problems. When he has problems, her friend is always calm and relaxed. It was because her friend was the son of the first boy in his family. Since childhood, his parents always taught her friend to overcome his own mass and always asked for his opinion.

Analysis

"Incredible" is used to describe the writer admiration for her friend who has a calm and relaxed nature when facing problems and is able to

overcome the problem well. The writer uses "*incredible*" word denotes the word emphasized to strengthen her statement.

Datum 5

I learned *more and more* that the older we get, the more serious problems we face.

Datum five explains about the writer friendship. The writer and her friend rarely had time to be together like the previous time. They had arranged a time to meet but still had not had time because of each other's motherhood. When they met, the writer and her friend chose to talk about random things instead of talking about their respective problems. Because she felt that the time to meet was too precious to talk about life's problems. In her opinion, it is natural that the more mature the more troubles there are.

Analysis

In describing her friend, the writer showed emphatic stress by using repeatedly written words. In the sentence, she uses the words "more and more" which is an example of emphatic stress. The writer uses the words "more and more" to emphasis on her statement. The writer wants to state that the more an adult a person will be, the more problems will be faced.

e. Precious Color Terms

Precious color terms is a type of women's language features that show women have a greater understanding of vocabulary regarding color than men. In mentioning colors, women are more detailed and specific in mentioning them.

Datum 1

Her skin was *soft brown* like most Indonesian women.

The sentence in datum one describes the characteristics of the writer friend who has the characteristics of jet black eyes, thick eyebrows, black hair and healthy long to shoulders and no sponge. In addition, the writer also explains that the skin of the writer's friend who has a soft brown color like most Indonesian women.

Analysis

The precious color terms feature used by the writer in describing her friend is to use "soft brown" color. When describing her friend's skin color, she used a more detailed and specific color vocabulary, namely "soft brown".

Datum 2

She has an oval face with *bright brown* eyes and a not-so-point nose.

In the datum two, the writer explains her friend who was known when she entered college. She described the characteristics of her friend

who had a tall and slim body. Her friend has an oval face with bright brown eyes.

Analysis

The writer uses the word "bright brown" which is an example of precious color terms. The writer explains the color of her friend's eyes with a very specific color. It shows that women have a vocabulary regarding more diverse colors.

f. Tag Questions

The tag question is a type of women's language features used grammatical construct in linguistics that serves to turn declarative into a question for obtaining information. The declared tag question is a declarative statement without assumptions, a statement that the addressee can rely on. Some examples of tag questions are. *Wasn't he?*, *Right?*, *Sure isn't hot here?*

Datum 1

Very positive isn't it?

Datum one describes about the writer who explains that her friend has a shy and quiet nature. In addition, she also described that her friend has a positive vibe such as liking to exercise and always invites her to exercise.

Analysis

Use of the word "isn't it?" is an example of the use of women's language features in the form of tag questions. "Isn't it?" used to confirm or make sure her statement that her friend had a positive vibe by being proven to have invited her to exercise.

2. The ways EFL learners use women's language features to convey the meaning of descriptive text

EFL learners use six kinds of women's language features in descriptive text to convey the meaning of descriptive text about 'friend' in different ways.

a. Lexical Hedges or Fillers

The lexical hedges or fillers is used by EFL learners to convey a sense of uncertainty towards a statement that has been said, express a sense of indeterminateness, convey a sense of uncertainty about what they are saying, besides lexical hedges or fillers are used to fill the gap between the previous sentence and the sentence after it, and is used to convey the opening word and give a sequence of time for the sentence to be said next.

b. Intensifier

Intensifier is one of the women's language features used by EFL learners in descriptive text about friends. Intensifier is used to equate meanings such as booster or strengthen the admiration, strengthen the opinion and gratitude, strengthen statement and prove that they are feel confident to convey that their opinion is right, emphasize the meaning of the word she said, and intensify the meaning of the word.

c. Empty Adjective

Empty adjective is the third type of women's language features used by EFL learners in describing their friends. EFL learners use empty adjectives to convey their opinions or feelings in various ways of delivery. Empty adjective is used to convey their admiration with a pleasure, express their opinion based on the nature of their friend, reveal about their opinion, praise their friends, and convey the praise to their friend.

d. Emphatic Stress

Emphatic stress is a women's language feature that is also used by EFL learners in describing their friends. EFL learners use emphatic stress to convey the meaning of their statements by means of emphasis to make their delivery stronger. Emphatic stress is used to convey and emphasize the gratitude of having such an excellent friend. In addition, the use of emphatic stress with italic techniques can be used to convey the meaning that the sentence is emphasized by the writer. The use of emphatic stress is also to convey their admiration more strongly and convey the message that the opinion to be stronger that the more a person becomes an adult, the more problems will be faced.

e. Precise Colour Terms

EFL learners use precious colour terms to convey meaning about the characteristics of friends they know. Using precious colour terms promotes that women have more vocabulary about colour than men. The use of precious colour terms conveys the characteristics with more detailed and specific colours.

f. Tag Questions

The use of the questions tag in descriptive text is used to convey confirmation or ensure that the statement is correct. And convince the reader to agree with their statement.

B. Discussion

This part discusses the findings on the features of women's language that EFL learners use in writing descriptive texts about 'friend'. The researcher conducted an analysis elaborated by Lakoff (1975).

The findings of this study can answer the previous study conducted by Mizokami (2001), which said that women and men have differences in language use depending on the situation. However, the findings of this study illustrate that women do have their characteristics, and in any variety of situations, even though they are in a state of sadness or pleasure, such as in descriptive text that EFL learners about 'friend' have made, they make descriptive text by telling sad and happy experiences with friends, telling stories of their friends whom they consider unlucky, and telling about their friends' achievements and traits with a sense of pleasure. Besides that, Svendsen (2018) calcified that women's language features do not exist. The results of this study answered that women's language features exist and include in social phenomena in language. After conducting research and obtaining the results that there are six kinds of women's language features

used by EFL Learners, it can be said that this research states the truth regarding previous theories and studies that analyze women's language features.

Besides, the results of this study support some previous research, one of which was conducted by Pebrianti (2017), that lexical hedges or fillers are used by women when they feel unsure about the topic they are discussing. In the findings of research conducted on EFL learners. The researcher found that they tended to use lexical hedges or fillers frequently when feeling less confident. Then, EFL learners use emphatic stress as a type of women's language feature to substantiate their statements. As Utari (2019) found in her research that her findings show that when women are so confident and feel sure about their statements, they will use emphatic stress.

This study provides different results from previous studies because the object chosen is EFL learners who are learning English not as a first or second language but as an international language that has differences in language use in their first language. In addition, this study also has differences because it only focuses on analyzing women's language features in writing and does not involve speaking. So the results of the study only found six types of women's language features.

CHAPTER V CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In this chapter, the researcher presents the conclusion and a suggestion after conducted data analysis and explained the findings and discussed the findings in the previous chapter. This chapter presents conclusions that will answer the research problems that have been made on the research. As well as presenting suggestion that can be used for future research in the same scope of study.

A. Conclusion

Based on the first research question that focuses on the types of women's language features are used by EFL learners, it can be concluded that there are six kinds of women's language features used by EFL learners in writing descriptive text about friends. There are lexical hedges or fillers, intensifier, empty adjective, emphatic stress, precise color terms, and tag questions.

The second research question concerns how EFL students use female language features to convey meaning to descriptive text about friends. EFL students used lexical hedges to convey insecurity and lack of confidence. The second is an intensifier, which equates interpretations such as boosting or strengthening admiration, strengthening perception and appreciation, and emphasizing the meaning of the word they mentioned. The third is an empty adjective used to express admiration combined with pleasure. The fourth type of emphasis is emphatic stress, which expresses admiration more intensely and conveys the idea that the opinion is more substantial. The fifth is precious color terms, which

convey characteristics with more specific and exact colors. The last feature is a tag question, which is used to confirm or verify that the statement is correct.

The findings of this study show that women have their characteristics in various situations, including sadness, pleasure, and happiness. Furthermore, the study's findings demonstrate that women's language characteristics exist and are included in social phenomena in language. The findings of this study support previous research, such as women frequently using lexical hedges or fillers when unsure and lacking confidence when speaking or writing about the topic at hand. The study's findings also support Utari's (2019) research that women use emphatic stress to strengthen their opinions by using italic, bold, and repetitive techniques, particularly in writing.

B. Suggestions

This research was conducted to develop linguistic knowledge about women's language features that EFL learners use in writing descriptive text about friends. This research focuses on women's language features in the form of text. Researcher hope that this research can be a reference for language learners, especially sociolinguistic learners who want to learn and conduct research on women's language features in the form of text. In addition, researchers also hope that this research can contribute and be useful for sociolinguistic teachers as a reference source in teaching about women's language features.

This study focused on examining women's language features that EFL learners used in writing descriptive text about friends and did not conduct research on women's language features in oral or speech forms. Thus, the researcher suggests

that future researchers research women's language features in two forms, oral and text. Researchers can analyze whether the two forms have differences in using women's language features and whether they have different functions when used in oral and text.

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APPENDIX Categorization the types of women's language features in descriptive texts

Descriptive text 1

Features	Sentence	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or	Anyway, for the name,	Anyway is a lexical
Fillers	I'm censoring it so it	hedges that is used as
	doesn't cause	the opening of the
	unwanted things.	sentence.
	Well, like the	Well is the type of
	pseudonym I gave him,	filler. It is used to fill
	she does use glasses in	in the gap between the
	his daily life.	before and the next
		sentences.
	I could say this one of	I could the type of
	my friend is unique	hedge. It describes that
	because she can spend	the writer feels less
	his time just in his	convinced of her
	room.	opinion.
	Maybe she doesn't	The writer used maybe
	realize is that she can	as the hedge because
	make me a positive	she feels unsure about
	person because she has	the opinion.

	positive vibes.	
	I think he's already a	I think is the type of
	workaholic, but	hedge that is used to
	whatever his activities	describe that the writer
	are, if it's a positive	convey her opinion
	thing, I'm sure it will	hesitantly.
	give positive feedback	
	for his life as well.	
	Well, because it was	Well as a filler is used
	written above that I am	to fill in the gap
	an outgoing and active	between the before and
	person, now I will	the next sentences.
	describe some aspects	
	of myself.	
Intensifier	She is a quiet and shy	The writer used very to
	person, very inversely	emphasize the opinion
	proportional to my	that her friend is very
	personality who can't	inversely proportional
	be quiet and active.	from her personality.
	I really like that maybe	The use of the word
	she doesn't realize is	really to convey that
	that she can make me a	the writer emphasized
	positive person because	liking to her friend's

she has positive vibes.	personality.
Very positive isn't it(?)	The writer used very to
	convey the positive
	personality of her
	friend.
Honestly a little	The word little is used
confused to determine	by the writer to convey
this candidate,	an emphasis on the
therefore I decided to	feeling of being a little
choose myself as my	confused about
friend because the	choosing her best
main best friend is	friend.
myself.	
I'm a cry baby, I cry a	The writer used little to
little bit.	convey her easy-to-cry
	personality, even if she
	only cries a little.
I can't waste my time, I	Just is used to convey
just cry.	the emphasis that the
	writer only cries if she
	has a problem and does
	not want to waste time
	telling it to others.

	I feel that I interact	The writer used the
	with many people too	word too to convey the
	often, but I also like to	emphasis that she
	be social.	interacts very often
		with many people
		because she likes to
		socialize.
	Let's just say her name	The word just used by
	is "miss glasses".	the writer to intensify
		her friend's nickname
		was miss glasses.
	Just imagine that in the	The writer used just to
	midst of his busy	emphasize the awe of
	schedule for college,	her friend's busy life
	organization and being	but is able to do
	a musyrif in Ma'ad, he	everything well.
	is still a task jockey.	
Tag Question	Very positive isn't	The writer used isn't
	it(?)	it? to convince the
		reader that her opinion
		is correct.

Descriptive Text 2

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	He seems enlightened about aspects of life, such as family and relationships, and finds it easy to relate to almost anyone or anything.	Seems as a hedge used in the sentence serves as a form of uncertainty to the facts expressed.
	He doesn't seem to have anything bad.	The word seem as hedge used when the writer does not fully know about the facts yet, so she uses seems to avoid mistakes over her doubts.
	Maybe, for now, admiring you is the best way.	The word maybe as hedge convey that the writer is not entirely sure about her statement.
	His multi-talent can put himself in a situation that makes him look very wise and cool.	_

His narrow eyes when he	The writer used the word
looked at the sky as if he was	a lot to emphasize that
telling a lot to the Creator,	many things in her
were no less warm.	friend's life wants to tell.
Some humans like to listen	The writer used just to
just to wait for the opportunity	intensify her opinion
to break other people's	about people who just
opinions to look smart, but	want to look smart in
Malik is not.	debunking opinions.
Many times I am confused by	Just in the sentence is
his ability to just sit back and	used to emphasize that
listen to poor souls pour their	her friend is able to listen
thoughts out.	to people's stories and
	just sit listening carefully.
Not too much and just right for	The use of the word too
the portion.	is to emphasize that the
	writer does not overdo
	her friend, indeed the
	personality of her friend
	is very good and her
	praise corresponds to the

		personality of her friend.
	He has the ability to lift spirits just by himself.	The writer used the word just to emphasize that her friend has an ability that is only done by himself to increase his spirit.
	True friendship is very necessary for all of us to move forward and find the right path in life.	The writer used very to emphasizes her statement to convince the reader that true friendship is needed in life.
	Getting the best and true friends in life is a very difficult task.	The word very used by the writer to emphasize that it is very difficult to have best friends.
	I have a lot to ask and a lot to say.	The writer used the word a lot to emphasize that there are so many questions and statements to be said to her friend.
Empty Adjective	His sweet- warmed-smile the	The word sweet is used

world when he r	reached the	by the writer to praise her
highlands to meet th	he sky more	friend who has a sweet
closely.		and warming smile.

Descriptive Text 3

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or	I would like to tell you about	The writer used the word
Fillers	my good friend, Safa.	I would as the opening
		sentence.
Intensifier	I started to introduce myself	The writer conveys the
	to her and she really	really welcome
	welcome to me.	personality of her friend
		using intensifier really .
	We did not realize that we	The word too is used by
	talked too much to each	the writer to convey that
	other.	she and her friend have
		been very familiar since
		they first met and did not
		realize too much talking
		to each other.
	She is very friendly person	The use of very is used to
	and easy going to adapt with	convey the emphasis that

others new friends.	her friend is very friendly
	and adaptable to new
	people.
She really taught me	The writer conveys that
patiently.	her friend was very
	patient in teaching her to
	learn by using intensifier
	really.
I really proud to know her.	The writer convey her
	pride by emphasizing the
	statement using the word
	really.
I am so grateful to meet and	The writer emphasizes
know about her.	her gratitude for having
	met and befriended her
	friend using the word so .

nces Analysis
have many The writer used the word
t many best actually to convey the
opening word and also
feels unsure that she does

		not have many best
		friends.
Intensifier	I have some very special	The word very is used by
	friends in life.	the writer to convey the
		emphasis that she had a
		very special friend in life.
	We can just confide in	The writer used the word
	good friends to get	just to convey the
	solutions to the problems	emphasis that only by
	we are experiencing.	telling her problem to her
		friend will get a solution.
	Friendship is very	The use of the word very
	important to us.	is used to convey the
		emphasis that friendship
		according to the writer is
		very important.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Intensifier	One of the reasons that	The writer used so to
	made me so eager to	convey the emphasis that
	immediately undergo	she is very passionate

offline learning is my	about learning because
friend named Putri.	there is her friend.
She was very nice.	The writer emphasizes
	the very nice personality
	of her friend using the
	word so .
She also has a very	The writer emphasizes
beautiful facial charisma.	her opinion that her
	friend is very beautiful
	using intensifier very .
She has a very friendly	The word very is used by
and polite.	the writer to convey the
	emphasis that her friend
	is very friendly and
	polite.
So many events	The writer intensify her
happening on campus.	opinion that so many
	events in campus use
	intensifier so.
We both really miss	The word really is used
offline learning.	by the writer to convey
	the emphasis that she and
	her friend really miss

		offline learning.
Empty Adjective	She makes me laugh out	The writer conveys the
	loud when talking to her	character of her friend
	or seeing her silly and	who behaves funny by
	adorable behaviour.	using empty adjective
		adorable.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Intensifier	We were really know	The writer used the word
	each other.	really to emphasize that
		she and her friend know
		each other very well.
	It made us so close.	The writer said that she
		and her friend always
		came home from school
		together and she
		emphasize that it made
		them so close.
	Her beauty face was	The word so is used by
	make her look so fresh	the writer to emphasize
		her opinion that her friend

		has so fresh face.
	She really friendly with	The use of the word
	some people.	really is used to convey
		the emphasis that her
		friend is really friendly to
		others.
	She really cared with her	The writer used the word
	friend.	really to emphasize that
		her friend cares deeply
		about her friend.
	She has a lot of unique	The word a lot is used to
	characteristics.	convey the emphasis that
		her friend has a lot unique
		characteristics.
Empty Adjective	Her beauty face was	The writer conveys the
	make her look so fresh	character of her friend's
	and amazing.	face using an empty
		adjective amazing .
	Her thin lips made her has	The writer conveys a
	a sweet smile.	compliment that her
		friend's smile is sweet by
		using empty adjectives.
	She could make any	The writer uses the word

topics	in her c	onversation	amazing to convey her
and	her	amazing	friend's ability to make
interact	tions wi	th other.	any conversation with
			others.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	The first friend that I	The writer used the word
	think is the most	think as an opening word
	valuable is named Rose.	about her valuable friend.
Intensifier	She was so kind.	The writer uses so to
		emphasize that her
		friend's personality is so
		kind.
	We've been through a lot	The word a lot is used to
	together to this day.	convey that the writer and
		her friend through a lot
		together.
	Sharing a lot about each	The writer uses the word
	other's lives.	a lot to intensify that she
		and her friend share a lot
		things in life.

She is a very smart and	The writer uses very to
kind girl.	emphasize that her friend
	is very smart and kind
	girl.
We spent so much time	So is used to emphasize
together until today.	the statement that she and
	her friend have spent time
	together.
We've been a little	The writer emphasizes
distant lately.	that she and her friend are
	somewhat far lately using
	intensifier little.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	Maybe those words are	The word maybe is used
	what make us feel that	by the writer because she
	there is still someone on	feels hesitant or unsure of
	our side.	her statement.
	I thought she didn't care	The writer uses the word
	about her surroundings.	thought to convey that
		she has doubts about her

		statement.
Intensifiers	My first impression	The word too is used to
	wasn't too good.	intensify that the first
		impression to her friend
		is not so good.
	She was an indifferent	The writer uses the word
	person, rarely smiled and	little to intensify that her
	was a little lazy.	friend's is lazy.
	We started talking a lot at	The word a lot is used to
	that time.	emphasize she and her
		friend have talked a lot
		while together.
	I'll tell you a little about	The writer emphasizes
	it.	that she will tell a little
		about her friend by using
		intensifier little.
	We also share a lot of	A lot is used to
	complaints.	emphasize that she and
		her friend complained a
		lot together.
	My body which can be	The writer uses the word
	said to be quite tall.	quite to emphasize that
		her friend is a quite tall.

She also doesn't really	The word really is used
like eating differently	to convey the emphasis
from me.	that her friend really
	doesn't like to eat.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Intensifiers	They are one of those	The writer used the word
	people who can become	very to emphasize that
	very close.	only her friend is very
		close to her.
	Having the figure of a	The word a lot is used by
	friend who has a positive	the writer to convey the
	and pleasant aura is	emphasis that having a
	something that means a	positive friend means a
	lot to us.	lot to her.
	They can be a very warm	The writer conveys the
	person.	personality of her friend
		with an emphasis on
		intensifier very .
	She faces something	Very is used by the writer
	becomes a very	to emphasize that her

	I	
	interesting thing.	friend can turn something
		into a very interesting
		one.
	She is also a very neat	The word very is used to
	and clean person.	convey an opinion with
		the emphasis that her
		friend is very neat.
	She is too stubborn.	The writer convey her
		opinion by emphasizing
		the word too that her
		friend is too stubborn.
	She is a person who	The word a lot is used to
	provides a lot of good	convey statement that her
	solutions.	friend can provide a lot
		solutions when there is a
		problem.
Empty Adjective	She is a woman who has	The writer convey praise
	a beautiful smile.	to her friend's smile by
		using the word beautiful.
	Having a close friend is a	The word precious is
	precious thing.	used by the writer to
		convey that close friends
		is precious thing in life.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	Maybe she can makes a	The word maybe is used
	changes about my style.	by the writer to convey
		uncertain statements.
	Maybe at first we weren't	The writer convey doubts
	in junior high school.	when she first met her
		friend using the word
		maybe.
	Maybe she can also	The word maybe is used
	advise me if I have a	by the writer when she is
	mistake.	unsure whether her friend
		can give her advice when
		she has a mistake.
Intensifiers	Naila is a friendly person	The word very is used by
	and very nice to chat	the writer to convey that
	with.	her friend is very nice.
	Naila is very diligent in	The word very is used by
	her studies.	the writer to convey that
		her friend is very diligent.
	Naila and I just got close.	The word just used to

		emphasize that she and
		her friend had just gotten
		close.
	Noile and Linet have	The writer uses the word
	Naila and I just have	
	different majors.	just to emphasize that she
		and her friend have
		different majors.
	My house and Naila were	The word quite is used to
	quite far away.	convey that her home
		with her friend is far
		away.
	I hope we will always be	The writer uses the word
	friends for quite a long	quite to emphasize that
	time.	she hopes to be friends
		for quite a long time.
	I really enjoyed her	Really is used to
	personality.	emphasize that she really
		enjoyed her friend's
		personality.
Empty Adjective	She is very beautiful and	The word beautiful is
	intelligent.	used to convey that her
		friend is very beautiful.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	I think of her as my	The word think is used to
	sister.	convey that her friend is
		already considered her
		sister.
	I thought of her is her	The writer uses the word
	perfectionism.	thought to state that her
		friend is a perfectionist.
	I thought it should be	The word thought is used
	tiring.	to convey that she is not
		sure of her statement.
Intensifiers	We are so close that I	So is used to emphasize
	know every habit she has.	her opinion that she and
		her friend are so close
		that they know each
		other's habits.
	Her lean body just helps	The writer uses the word
	her to move rapidly.	just to emphasize that her
		friend is lean so that it
		helps her move rapidly.
	Live a little more freely.	The word little is used to

		emphasize that life is a
		little freer.
Empty Adjective	That is how she looks	The writer uses the word
	neat and beautiful.	beautiful to convey that
		her friend looks beautiful
		because of her slender
		body.

Features	Sentence	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	And yeah, we've been	The word and yeah used
	friends for about eight	by the writer to fill in the
	years.	gap between the
		preceding sentence and
		the next sentence.
	I think this is a positive	The writer uses the word
	hobby because it can	think to convey the
	improve English	opening sentence.
	vocabulary.	
	And yeah, one more	The word and yeah used
	thing he likes to eat, be it	by the writer to fill in the
	light food or heavy food,	gap between the

	just like me.	preceding sentence and
		the next sentence.
	I think she is a very kind	The writer uses the word
	person.	think to convey her
		uncertainty that her friend
		is a kind person.
Intensifiers	He likes to eat, be it light	The writer uses the word
	food or heavy food just	just to emphasize that her
	like me.	friend is like her who has
		the same preferences.
	She is a very kind	The word very to convey
	person.	the emphasis that her
		friend is very kind
		person.
	Able to give very helpful	The writer uses the word
	advice when I'm down.	very to emphasize that
		her friend is very capable
		of giving her advice when
		down.
	She is also a person who	The word little is used to
	is firm but a little selfish.	emphasize that her
		friend's personality is a
		little selfish.

	I am very grateful to	The word very is used to
	have met a friend like	convey the emphasis of
	her.	her gratitude for having
		friends like her.
	Finding friends like her is	The writer emphasizes
	quite difficult.	her statement that finding
		a friend like her current
		friend is a little difficult.
Empty Adjectives	Zahra has a beautiful	The word beautiful is
	face.	used to convey praise that
		her friend has a beautiful
		face.
	Not too white but sweet.	The word sweet is used
		to convey event though
		her friend's skin is not too
		white but looks sweet.
	She is usually a cheerful	The word cheerful is
	person.	used to convey the
		cheerful personality of
		her friend.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	I think you can see your	The writer uses the word
	reflection in her eyes as	think to convey her
	you stand in front of her.	opinion but is not sure.
	I think it's very hard to	The word think is used
	find the genuine	by the writer as an
	friendship.	opening word that it is
		very hard to find genuine
		friendship.
	I think Mitha is a very	The writer uses think as
	valuable person.	an opening word that her
		friend is a very valuable
		person.
Intensifiers	She's the girl who can	The word just is used by
	steal your attention even	the writer to intensify that
	if you just met her.	her friend was stealing
		attention just met her.
	It's very hard to find the	The word very is used by
	genuine friendship that	the writer to emphasize
	Mitha and I live in today.	that it is very hard to find
		a friend like her.
	I'm so glad it happened.	The writer uses the word
		so to emphasize her sense

		of pride.
	I sincerely hope our	The writer uses the word
	friendship will never end	too to emphasize that her
	because it is too precious.	friendship too precious.
	Mitha is a very valuable	The word very is used by
	person.	the writer to strengthen
		statement that her friend
		is a valuable person.
	Dense eyebrows made	The writer uses the word
	her look so beautiful.	so to emphasize that her
		friend's eyebrows are so
		beautiful.
Empty Adjectives	She was a cheerful girl.	The word cheerful is
		used by the writer to
		convey an opinion about
		her friend's personality.
	She was a sweet,	The writer uses the word
	attractive woman.	sweet to convey her
		friend's sweet face.
	Dense eyebrows made	The writer uses the word
	her look so beautiful.	beautiful to praise her
		friend's eyebrows.
	She has a small but	The word adorable is

	slightly thick lip, a small	used by the writer to
	nose, and a tyrian cheek,	convey a sense of awe to
	which makes her even	her friend.
	more adorable and	
	beautiful.	
Precise Colour Terms	Her skin was soft brown	The writer uses the word
	like most Indonesian	soft brown to convey in
	women.	detail the color of her
		friend's skin.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Intensifiers	They can be very close to	The word very used by
	being like family	the writer to emphasize
	members.	that her friend became
		very close like family.
	She is tall and quite slim.	The word quite used by
		the writer to emphasize
		that her friend is quiet
		slim.
	She looks very beautiful,	The writer uses the word
	especially when she	very to strengthen her

	smiles.	opinion that her friend is
		very beautiful.
	She might say that these	The word very used the
	activities are very boring.	writer to emphasize that
		her friend found some
		activities very boring.
	The activity would be	The writer uses the word
	very fun if there was a	very to strengthen her
	friend who accompanies.	opinion that activities will
		be very fun if
		accompanied by friends.
	I'm so lucky to have a	The word so is used by
	friend like her.	the writer to emphasize
		that she is very lucky to
		have a friend like her.
Empty Adjective	She looks very beautiful ,	The word beautiful is
	especially when she	used by the writer to
	smiles.	convey praise to her
		beautiful friend.
Precious Colour Terms	She has an oval face with	The writer convey the
	bright brown eyes and a	color of her friend's eyes
	not-so-point nose.	specifically using the
		word bright brown .

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	She was a friend who	The writer uses the word
	inspired me so much	maybe to convey a sense
	maybe even to this point.	of lack of confidence in
		her statement.
	Maybe now she's going	The writer is not sure that
	to be 30 juz.	her friend has reached 30
		juz therefore she uses the
		word maybe .
Intensifiers	Just like her mouth, her	The word just is used to
	legs and hands also look	convey the emphasis that
	petite like a baby's own.	her friend's look petite.
	Puput is a very smart and	The word very is used to
	genius child.	emphasize that her friend
		is very smart and a
		genius.
	She is very relied on by	The writer uses very to
	her teachers and friends.	emphasize that her friend
		is very relied on her
		teachers and friends.

	She was very quick in	The word very is used to
	memorization.	intensify the opinion that
		her friend is very quick in
		memorization.
	I also learned a lot of	The word a lot is used to
	things from Putri.	emphasize that she
		learned a lot from her
		friend.
	Perhaps this writing is just	The writer emphasizes
	a little bit of Putri and	that her writings make
	there is much more that	little light of her friend
	has not been written.	using the intensifier little .
Empty Adjectives	She has beautiful eyes	The writer conveys a
	like an angel and firm	sense of awe to her friend
	eyebrows.	using the word beautiful.
	Her cheeks are chubby so	The word cute is used to
	it looks cute.	convey that her friend is
		cute because her cheeks
		are chubby.
	She teaches me a	The word beautiful is
	beautiful way.	used to convey praise to
		her friend.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	Maybe some poses when	The writer feel unsure
	we take pictures, some do	when describe her friend
	look the same.	so she used the word
		maybe.
Intensifiers	I don't think we are very	The word very is used to
	similar.	emphasize that the writer
		and her friend are not
		very similar.
	Her skin is tan and it	The writer uses the word
	makes her look very cute.	very to emphasize that
		her friend is very cute.
	The menus are not	The word so is used to
	monotonous so many	emphasize that her friend
	people like her cooking.	loves to cook and so
		many people like her
		cooking.
	Her father loves her very	The writer emphasizes
	much.	her statement that her
		friend's father loved her
		very much by using the

		word very .
	She felt very lucky to be	The writer uses the word
	able to enter the boarding	very to intensify that her
	school.	friend feels very lucky to
		be able to enter boarding
		school.
	This is not only talent but	The word just is used to
	also destiny that is not	intensify that destiny is
	given to just anyone.	not given to just anyone.
Empty Adjectives	She has a sweet and	The author praised her
	beautiful face.	friend's face using the
		word sweet .
	Her skin is tan and it	The word cute is used to
	makes her look very cute .	convey praise that her
		skin is tan-colored but
		still cute.
	Everything she draws is	The writer convey praise
	always automatically	to her friend that all the
	formed beautifully.	things drawn look
		beautiful.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Intensifiers	She talks positive things	The word very is used to
	and is very good at	emphasize opinion that
	making jokes.	her friend is very good at
		making jokes.
	She is such a person who	The writer uses the word
	is very easy to smile and	very to intensify her
	it gives an impact on her	opinion that her friend is
	around.	very easy to smile.
	It was such a big event	The word a lot is used to
	because it involved a lot	emphasize that a lot
	of schools.	schools are involved in
		major events in their
		schools.
	And she did very well in	The writer conveys that
	her job.	her friend did a good job
		through emphasis with
		the word very .
Emphatic Stress	I want to send a big	The writer emphasizes
	thanks because she is	the word big thanks to
	always by my side.	convey that she is
		grateful that her friend is
		always beside her.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Intensifiers	It is so much far from my	The word so is used by
	home.	the writer to intensify her
		statement that her friend's
		house is so far away from
		her.
	People really amaze with	Really is used to
	her is polite and smart	emphasize that people are
	girl.	amazed by the politeness
		and smartness of her
		friend.
	Even it just a healthy	The writer uses very to
	body that was very great	intensify her opinion that
	gift.	a healthy body is very
		great gift.
Empty Adjectives	She is beautiful and	The word beautiful is
	smart girl.	used to praise her friend's
		beautiful face.
	She ever been being a	The writer praises her
	moderator on one of	friend's amazing ability

amazing webinar in her	to be able to become a
faculty.	moderator using the word
	amazing.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	I think it's unique and	The writer uses the word
	sounds funny.	think as the opening
		word in expressing an
		opinion.
	I believe that only myself	The writer uses the word
	and of course with God's	believe as the opening
	help can solve every	word in conveying
	problem I have.	statement.
Intensifiers	I have very good friends.	The word very is used by
		the writer to emphasize
		that the friend she is told
		is her very good friend.
	She is a beautiful and	The writer uses the word
	very kind friend.	very to intensify her
		opinion that her friend is
		very kind.

	Sometimes I just need a	The word just is used to
	friend to confide in.	convey the emphasis that
		she only needs a friend to
		confide in.
	My friend is very happy	The word very used the
	to talk to.	writer to intensify that
		her friend was very
		happy to talk.
	She is very smiling.	The writer uses the word
		very to emphasize that
		her friend very smiling.
	And that's a lot of fun.	The word a lot was used
		to emphasize that she and
		her friend were playing
		and it was a lot of fun.
	We travel together quite	Quite is used to emphasis
	often.	that the writer and her
		friend travel together
		quite often.
Empty Adjective	She is a beautiful and	The writer convey praise
	very kind friend.	by using the word
		beautiful.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	I believe that he is a very	The writer uses the word
	deserving person to be a	believe to convey the
	close friend who can	opening word of her
	motivate himself.	opinion.
	I thought he was a friend	Thought is used by the
	as well as a "battery" at	reader to convey the
	the time.	opinion that her friend
		can be booster for her.
	I thought he was a	The writer conveys that
	normal man with a big	her friend is just a normal
	heart, which is his	man in by using the word
	character.	thought.
Intensifiers	Among my friends is a	Very is used by the writer
	very good friend named	to convey that friend she
	Afid.	describes is a very good
		friend.
	Understanding other	The writer uses the word
	people's feelings is very	very to emphasize that
	important.	understanding the
		feelings of others is very

	important.
He is a very deserving	The word very is used by
person to be a close friend	the writer to intensify that
who can motivate	her friend is very deserve
himself.	to a friend who can
	motivate him.
Spirit has become a little	Little is used to
magnet for me to get to	emphasize the opinion
know him better.	that a spirit that is as little
	as a magnet makes her
	want to get to know her
	friend better.
He is just like other	The writer uses the word
average-height men.	just to emphasize her
	opinion that her friend is
	just like the others.
He is just a normal man	A lot is used to
with a lot of good	emphasize that her friend
problems with family	has a lot problems as
problems.	normal man.
He is just a man who	The word just used to
treats his brother and	intensify that her friend is
mother well as a figure	just a man who treats his

father.	brother and mother.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Intensifiers	Most people will find	The word very is used to
	someone who becomes	emphasize that most
	very close to them.	people become very close
		to their friends.
	Even going so far as to	the word so to emphasize
	refer to them as a best	that even though it is far
	friend.	away her friend remains
		the best friend.
	I have a very good friend	The word very is used to
	in my life.	convey the emphasis that
		the writer has a very good
		friend.
	She was a very	The writer uses the word
	trustworthy.	very to intensify her
		opinion that her friend is
		very trustworthy.
	Her smile was very	The writer conveys
	beautiful.	compliment to emphasis

	that her friend is very
	beautiful used intensifier
	very.
A little bit of a tomboy.	The word little is used by
	the writer to emphasize
	that her friend is a little
	tomboy.
There are so many who	The word so is used by
like and are comfortable	the writer to convey her
when they are near her.	opinion that many people
	like and are comfortable
	with her friend.
Very friendly towards	The word very is used by
everyone.	the writer to emphasize
	that her friend is very
	friendly.
Very loyal and likes to	The writer uses the word
give.	very to emphasize that
	her friend is very loyal.
She remains positive for	Very is used by the writer
most people and is a very	to strengthen a statement
good listener.	that her friend is a very
	good listener.

	She's a very tough girl.	The writer admire her
		personality friend by
		emphasizing the word
		very.
	She values family,	The writer strengthen the
	friendship, even every	opinion using the word
	little thing.	little that her friend
		always values the little
		thing.
	She loves his family very	- C
	She loves his family very	·
	much.	to emphasize that her
		friend loves her family
		very much.
	Has a very high level of	The writer uses very to
	care.	emphasize that the level
		of care for her friend is
		very high.
Empty Adjectives	She was a very	Lovely is used by the
	trustworthy, lovely	author to praise her
	person.	lovely friend.
	Her smile was very	The writer convey a awe
	beautiful.	at her friend's smile using
		the word beautiful .

It has brown eyes with	The writer uses the word
charming thin eyebrows	charming to praise her
and a small nose that can	friend's brown eyes.
make her face look more	
perfect.	
Having a beautiful face.	The writer praised her
	friend's face using the
	word beautiful .

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	I think it's a suitable	The writer uses the word
	major for her.	think as the opening
		word for her opinion.
Intensifiers	I stay sitting beside her	The word very is used by
	until I got to know her	the writer to emphasize
	very closely.	that she and her friend are
		very close.
	I really know about her.	The word really used the
		writer to intensify that she
		really know about her
		friend.

She is a very friendly and	The writer uses the word
very kind person.	very to emphasize her
	opinion that her friend is
	very friendly and kind.
I saw that her family is	Very is used by the writer
very well off.	to emphasize that her
	friend's family is very
	well off.
She is very kind and	The writer uses the word
likes to give to others.	very to intensify opinion
	that her friend is very
	kind and likes to give.
I really salute and did not	Really is used the writer
expect to my friend.	to emphasize that she
	really salute to her friend.
She is very critical of	The writer uses the word
herself.	very to strengthen
	opinion that her friend is
	very self-critical.
She is a very creative	Very is used by the writer
person.	to emphasize that her
	friend is very creative.
She has a life motto	Very is used to convey

	which for me is very	the emphasis that her
	interesting.	friend's motto is very
		interesting
	We need to change our	Little is used by the
	minds a little.	writer to strengthen
		statement that we need
		change mind a little.
	She is so kind to me.	So is used by the writer to
		intensify that her friend is
		so kind to her.
	I am very grateful to	The word very is used to
	have known her until	strengthen her gratitude
	now.	for knowing her friend.
Emphatic Stress	Life must be balanced!	The writer emphasizes
		and strengthen statement
		that life must be balanced
		using italics and ending
		with exclamation
		marks.

Features	Sentences	Analysis	

I am very lucky to get to	Very is used by the writer
know her.	to emphasize that she was
	very lucky to know her
	friend.
She is a very beautiful	The writer uses the word
and sweet girl.	very to intensify her
	opinion that her friend is
	very beautiful.
Her skin that is not too	The word too is used by
white.	the writer to emphasize
	that her friend's skin
	color is not too white.
Definitely adds to the	The writer uses the word
sweet side of her.	definitely to strengthen
	opinion that the color of
	her friend's skin definitely
	make her sweet.
She really likes to eat.	The word really used to
	emphasize that her friend
	really likes to eat.
We always routinely go	The word just is used to
out to just share stories.	intensify that she and her
	friend love to share
	She is a very beautiful and sweet girl. Her skin that is not too white. Definitely adds to the sweet side of her. She really likes to eat. We always routinely go

		stories.
Empty Adjectives	She is a very beautiful	The word beautiful is
	and sweet girl.	used by the writer
		because she admires her
		beautiful friend.
	Her exotic impression	The writer uses the word
	and definitely adds to the	sweet to praise her
	sweet side of her.	friend's sweet-looking
		skin color.
	She looks like a	The word beautiful is
	beautiful girl.	used by the writer to
		convey praise that her
		friend is beautiful.
Emphatic Stress	Thank you so much,	The writer strengthen and
	Aura!	emphasizes gratitude by
		using an exclamation
		mark at the end of the
		sentence.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Intensifiers	During college I got to	The writer uses the word
	know a lot of people.	a lot to emphasize that

	during college she knew a
	lot people.
Her academic	The word quite is used
achievement is quite	by writer to intensify that
good.	her friend got a good
	achievement.
When I was in a lot of	The writer uses the word
trouble, Milla always	a lot to emphasize that
tried to cheer me up.	when she has a lot
	problems, her friend
	always cheer her up.
Milla is very nice to talk	Very is used by the writer
with me.	to emphasize that her
	friend is very nice.
She is very beautiful.	The writer strengthen
	opinion using the word
	very that his friend is
	very beautiful.
Milla really likes spicy	The word really is used
food.	by the writer to intensify
	statement that her friend
	really likes spicy food.
I really like to talk to her	The writer uses the word

	about my complaints.	really that she really likes
		to complain to her friend.
Empty Adjectives	I became more diligent in	The writer uses the word
	studying.	diligent to praise that her
		friend is diligent in
		studying.
	She is very beautiful.	The writer uses the word
		beautiful because she
		admires her friend.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	Actually, I didn't know	The writer uses the word
	because we studied at the	actually as the opening
	same university.	word.
	I think finding friends	The word think is used
	who can understand my	by the writer to convey
	personality well is	the opening sentence.
	something to be grateful	
	for.	
Intensifiers	He really hates eggplant.	The word really is used
		by the writer to

	emphasize that her friend
	really hate eggplant.
His personality is very	The writer uses the word
calm.	very to intensify the
	opinion that her friend's
	personality is very calm.
He is also so patient and	The writer uses the word
mature.	so to strengthen the
	statement that her friend
	is so patient.
After having a lot of	The writer uses the word
convey.	a lot to emphasize that
	after telling a story she
	becomes curious with his
	friend.
I really curious why he is	The word really is used
so calm and mature.	by the writer to
	emphasize the statement
	that she is really curious
	with her friend.
I am really grateful to	The writer uses the word
have him in my life.	really to emphasize her
	gratitude for having her

		friend.
Empty Adjectives	He has a beautiful voice.	The writer uses the word
		beautiful to convey
		praise that her friend's
		voice is beautiful.
	He grows up well	The word beautiful is
	together with his only	used by the writer to
	one beautiful sister.	convey that her friend's
		sister is beautiful.
Emphatic Stress	That is why his problem-	The writer uses the word
	solving skill is	incredible to strengthen
	incredible.	opinion that her friend's
		ability is incredible.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	Maybe I am the one who	The writer uses the word
	pulled away from my	maybe because she is
	friends for some reason.	unsure that she withdrew
		from her friend.
	Actually, our first	The writer uses the word
	meeting was very funny.	actually as the opening

		word for her opinion.
	Maybe my friend feels	The word maybe is used
	the same way, so she	by the writer to convey
	rarely talks about her	unsure that her friend
	problems too.	rarely tells her problems
		because she may feel bad.
	Even though this seems	The word seems is used
	trivial, but I am very	by the writer to convey
	grateful to have friend	that she is not sure of her
	like her.	statement.
Intensifiers	Our first meeting was	The writer uses the word
	very funny.	very to intensify her
		statement that the
		meeting with her friend
		was very funny.
	I am very grateful to	The word very is used by
	have friend like her.	the writer to emphasize
		her gratitude for having a
		friend like her friend.
	I find it very funny	The writer uses the word
	because I feel like I am	very to emphasize that
	facing myself.	her friend is very funny
		like herself.

	We have a lot equation in	The writer uses the word
	common.	a lot to strengthen her
		opinion that she and her
		friend have a lot in
		common.
	See you very soon.	The word very used by
		the writer to emphasize
		that she really hopes to
		see her friend soon.
Emphatic Stress	I learned more and more	The writer states the
	that the older we get, the	statement repeatedly to
	more serious problems	strengthen statement and
	we face.	make the reader more
		focused on the sentence.

Features	Sentences	Analysis
Lexical Hedges or Fillers	I think that she is a	The writer uses the word
	boring person, but I was	think as the opening
	wrong.	word for her opinion.
	Actually, she was a very	The writer used the word
	pleasant and talkative	actually to convey the

	girl.	opening word.
Intensifiers	She was a very pleasant	The writer uses the word
	and talkative girl.	very to emphasize the
		opinion that her friend is
		very pleasant.
	She is not only funny but	The word very is used by
	also very kind and	the writer to strengthen
	helpful.	statement that her friend
		is very kind.
	She is really a kind-	Really used to emphasize
	hearted girl.	that writer friend was
		very kind hearted.
Empty Adjectives	She also has a beautiful	The writer uses the word
	face.	beautiful to praise her
		friend's beautiful face.
	It adds to the impression	The word cute is used by
	of being cute and	the writer to convey a
	innocent.	sense of awe to her cute
		friend.
	She is also the kind of	The word diligent is used
	person who is diligent	by the writer to convey
	and independent.	that her friend has a
		diligent personality.

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Features	Sentences	Analysis
Intensifiers	Friend, a word that has a	The word a lot is used by
	lot of meaning.	the writer to emphasize
		that friends have a lot of
		meanings.
	He's really good at math.	Really used to emphasize
		that writer's friend is
		really good at math.
	He likes to talk about	The writer uses the word
	things very excited.	very to strengthen her
		statement that her friend
		is very excited when talk.
	Ikbar loved his	The word very is used by
	grandmother very much.	the writer to emphasize
		that her friend loves her

	grandmother very much.
There's been a lot of	The word a lot is used by
excitement.	the writer to convey that
	she and her friend have a
	lot of joy together.
Our friendship is very	The writer uses the word
healthy.	very to strengthen the
	opinion that her
	friendship is very healthy.
I learned a lot from this	The word a lot is used to
friendship.	emphasize that the writer
	learns a lot from her
	friendships.
I'm very comfortable	The word very used by
with his personality.	the writer to strengthen
	the opinion that she was
	very comfortable with the
	personality of her friend.
I'm very motivated by it.	The word very is used by
	the writer to emphasize
	that she is very motivated
	by the personality of her
	friend.

I've learned so much from	The writer uses the word
our friendship story.	so to strengthen statement
	that she learned a lot
	from the story of her
	friendship.