# The Effectiveness of Using Javanese Speech of Students in Elementary Schools

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**Abstract.** In general, students of SD Negeri Kedungreja 02 already know the types of Javanese speech levels, but they still have difficulty in applying words appropriately according to *unggahungguh*, that is in relation to who is talking and who is being spoken to. The purpose of this study is to describe the general description of the use of Javanese language students, the intensity of Javanese language use by teachers, and factors that influence the difficulty of students using Javanese. The approach used in this study is a descriptive qualitative approach. The results of research on the types of Javanese speech levels used by students at SD Negeri Kedungreja 02 are four types, namely ngoko lugu, ngoko alus, krama lugu, and krama alus. Factors that affect the use of Javanese speech level are: Setting and Scene, Participant, Ends, Act Sequence, Key, Instrumentalies, Norm, and Genres. The advice that researchers can give to teachers is the need for serious attention to focus more on Javanese language learning, especially regarding the level of speech.

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## 1. Introduction

Javanese is known as a complicated language because it has various variations according to levels called speech levels. Language variations are the forms of parts in a language that each have patterns that resemble the general pattern of its parent (Poedjasoedarma, 1979: 2) [1]. The level of speech in Javanese is a system to indicate the degree of formality, and the degree of respect of the speaker with the speech partner being spoken to. The use of Javanese language that is appropriate can show respect. Sociolinguistics is defined as the study or discussion of language in relation to speakers of that language as members of society (Nababan, 1984: 2) [2].

The Javanese language known to elementary school students is mostly *ngoko* (for everyday conversation), even when they talk to older people. With regard to the level of speech, the use of Javanese *ngoko* and *krama* of elementary school students often occurs errors in their use. The error in the use of Javanese can be seen by the application of inappropriate speech levels and also the influence of Indonesian into Javanese. According to Mustakim (1994: 18), language variety is a variation in language use that arises as a result of different means, situations, and fields of language use [3].

Based on initial observations made by researchers, it is known that the use of Javanese speech of students of SD Negeri Kedungreja 02 often occurs errors, this can be seen in the use of Javanese vocabulary which is often used inappropriately (based on *unggah-ungguhing* Javanese language). Errors in the selection of language variations when speaking will cause irregularities and be considered impolite (*ora ngerti tata krama, ora ngerti unggah-ungguh)* (Wedhawati, 2006: 10) [4]. On the other hand, Javanese language learning is only two hours of lessons a week and in learning teachers tend to only use the lecture method and the lack of media used. In Effendy's opinion, effectiveness is an indicator in achieving predetermined goals or objectives as a measurement where a target has been achieved in accordance with what has been planned [5].

The increase in the use of Javanese speech of students of SD Negeri Kedungreja 02 Kedungreja is interesting to be studied. Research on the use of language has indeed been done quite a lot, although research on the use of Javanese language is still relatively rare. It can be a concern for Javanese language teachers, teachers need to realize that the meaning of a language cannot be separated from the language situation. Therefore, in preparing teaching planning, it is necessary to pay attention to the context of the place and teaching in language does not neglect the application of the level of speech. Chaer and Agustina (2004: 62) distinguish language variations in terms of (1) speakers, (2) usage, (3) formality and (4) means [6]. The purpose of this study is to describe the general description of the use of Javanese language students, the intensity of Javanese language use by teachers, and factors that influence the difficulty of students using Javanese.

#### 2. Research Methods

The approach used in this study is a qualitative approach, namely a research approach without using statistical numbers but with descriptive exposure. One of the characteristics of qualitative research according to Moleong (2005: 11) is descriptive, namely the data collected is in the form of words, images, and not numbers [7]. The location of this research is the location of the research it self. This research will be carried out at SD Negeri Kedungreja 02, Kedungreja District, Cilacap Regency. Sugiyono (2013: 222) explained that in qualitative research, the instrument or research tool is the researcher himself [8]. Therefore, the main instrument in this study is the researcher himself.

The participants of this study are individuals or groups who become informants to be used by researchers as a direct source in obtaining the data needed about the research carried out. In this study, the participants of the study were teachers and students at SD Negeri Kedungreja 02. The technique used in this study is the listening or tanning technique. The tanning technique is a way of collecting data by listening to the use of language (Sudaryanto, 1993: 133) [9]. To obtain data in the form of speech levels in this study will use the Simak Bebas Libat Cakap (SBLC) method and will be accompanied by recording techniques. To obtain the factors for using Javanese speech level of students of SD Negeri Kedungreja 02, Kedungreja in this study will use recording techniques and interview techniques.

On the other hand, the data collection procedure used is by observation. Observations were made using non-participant observations. According to Sugiyono (2013: 145) that non-participant observation means not involved and only as an independent observer [10]. The instruments used in this study are:

a. Recorder used by researchers to record the speech of students who use Javanese speech levels at SD Negeri Kedungreja 02, Kedungreja.

- b. The data card used by researchers to record the type of Javanese speech level of students of SD Negeri Kedungreja 02, Kedungreja. The contents of the data card include data numbers, context, speech, type of speech level, markers of speech level type, factors and functions that affect the use of Javanese speech level at SD Negeri Kedungreja 02, Kedungreja.
- c. The interview guidelines contains things asked to informants which aims to determine the perceptions of students and teachers about the use of Javanese speech levels.

Data analysis in this study is carried out at the time of data collection, and after completion of data collection with in a certain period. The data analysis used is the Miles and Huberman model in Sugiyono (2013: 246) which suggests that activities in qualitative data analysis are carried out interactively and take place continuously until complete, so that the data is saturated [11].

# 3. Results and Discussion

Based on the research that has been done, the results that will be presented in this chapter and its discussion. This chapter will present the results of research in the form of analysis results which will be presented in the form of tables and the results of the research will be described in the discussion.

### **3.1 Research Results**

Based on the results of research on the Effectiveness of Javanese Speech Use of Students at SDN Kedungreja 02, Kedungreja District, Cilacap Regency, in the form of types and factors that affect the Use of Javanese Speech at SDN Kedungreja 02 Kedungreja will be described through the following table.

Table 1: Types of speech levels and factors affecting the use of Javanese speech levels at SDN Kedungreja 02 Kedungreja.

No	Types of	Influencing Factors	Indicator
	Speech Level		
1	Ngoko Lugu	Participants : Dhana and Rasya. Dhana, Rasya's close friend, asked Rasya if he had finished writing yet. Scane : The atmosphere is relaxed, quite crowded. Setting : During recess in classroom V of SDN Kedungreja 02.	Sya, kowe nulise wis rampung urung? 'Sya, are you writing it finished yet?' '(Data no.2/28 Februari 2023) - Marker ngoko: nulise, wis, rampung, urung. Nulise is a form of nasal (N) + tulis + e (suffix/panambang ngoko). Nasal N and suffix e is a marker ngoko.
			- Greetings ngoko: kowe - Neutral :Sya
		Setting : During a break in front	Kowe tuku jajan apa Cill?
		of class VI SDN Kedungreja 02	'what did you buy Cill?' (Data no.6/ 03 Maret 2023)

		Participants: Cahya and Cilla.	-Marker ngoko that is words
		Cahya is Cilla's close peer. Cahya asked Cilla about the snacks	tuku, jajan, apa -Greetings ngoko: kowe
		bought.	-Neutral: Cill
		Scane : The atmosphere is	
		relaxed, crowded and merry.	
		Scane : Crowded atmosphere	Gole maca sing seru ya Fa!
		Setting : During the learning	'If you read that hard, Fa!'
		process in the third grade room of	(Data no.15/04 Maret 2023)
		SDN Kedungreja 02	-Marker ngoko that is words
		Participants : Mrs. Tarti and	gole, maca, sing, seru. Maca is
		Dhifa. Mrs. Tarti is a teacher who	a form of nasal (M) +Waca.
		is older than Dhifa. Mrs. Tarti	Nasal M is a marker ngoko.
		told Dhifa to read her loud voice.	- Neutral : Fa
2	Ngoko Alus	Participants : Safira and Mrs.	Bu guru, suket warnane ijo
		Lastri. Safira asked Mrs. Lastri	nggih?
		about the color of the grass. Mrs.	'Teacher, the grass is green,
		Lastri is a teacher. As a student,	right?' (Data no.21/ 06 Maret
		Safira respects Mrs. Lastri.	2023)
		Setting : During learning in first	-Marker ngoko that is words
		grade SDN Kedungreja 02.	warnane, ijo. Warnane form of
		Scane : Relaxed atmosphere	warna + e (suffix ngoko).
			Suffix e is a marker ngoko.
			-Marker krama: Nggih
3	Krama Lugu	Sotting , During the learning	-Neutral : -Suket -Bu
3	Kraina Lugu	Setting : During the learning process in the fourth classroom	Sinten sing dereng maos asmaul husna?
		of SDN Kedungreja 02.	'Who hasn't read asmaul
		Scane : the atmosphere is quite	husna?' (Data no.27/ 08 Maret
		crowded.	2023)
		Participants: Mrs. Ummi and	Marker krama : sinten, dereng,
		Rafa. Mrs. Ummi asked who had	maos.
		not read asmaul husna.	Marker ngoko: sing
		Purpose: Mrs. Ummi wants to	Neutral : asmaul husna
		teach good use of Javanese.	Marker krama lugu on the
			word sinten, dereng, maos.
4	Krama Alus	Setting : During learning in two	'Sinten ingkang dereng nampi
		classroom SDN Kedungreja 02.	kertas?
		Scane : Calm and formal	'Who hasn't received the paper
		situation	yet?' (Data no.34/09 Maret
		Participants : Mrs. Zuhri and	2023)
		Dika. Mrs. Zuhri stated who had	-Marker krama: sinten,
		not received the paper.	ingkang, dereng, nampi.
		Tujuan : Mrs. Zuhri wanted to	-Neutral: kertas.
		teach good use of Javanese.	Marker krama alus on the word
			sinten, ingkang, dereng,
			nampi.

Based on the table above, it can be seen that the types of Javanese speech levels used at SDN Kedungreja 02 can be grouped into two, namely *Ngoko* and *Krama*. The Ngoko speech level consists of *Ngoko Lugu* and *Ngoko Alus*. Krama's speech level consists of *Krama Lugu* and *Krama Alus*. Sudaryanto (1991: 5) stated that, along with the era of globalization, there are two levels of speech with each level differentiated in whether or not the vocabulary is used with fine levels, namely *the ngoko* speech level and the *krama* speech level. The ngoko speech level consists of (a) ngoko lugu and (b) *ngoko* alus, and the krama speech level consists of (a) *krama alus*. The level of speech of ngoko lugu and krama lugu is only called *ngoko* and *krama* only. So there are four forms of Javanese speech levels, namely *ngoko*, *ngoko* alus, *krama*, and *krama alus* [12]. Students and teachers at SDN Kedungreja 02 still speak Javanese.

#### 3.2 Discussion

The following is the presentation and discussion of data based on the types and factors that affect the use of Javanese speech levels at SDN Kedungreja 02.

The ngoko speech level is one type of speech level that reflects a sense of distance between speakers and speech partners, meaning that speakers do not have a sense of reluctance to speech partners. The affixes that appear in this speech level are all in the form of ngoko for example: the affixes di-, -e, and -ake. The level of ngoko speech found in this study is ngoko innocent and ngoko alus.

The marker of innocent ngoko is as follows. 1. All ngoko and neutral words (ngoko and neutral lexicon) without being tucked into the krama, krama inggil, or krama andhap lexicon, either for the first person (O1), the second person (O2), or for the third person (O3). 2. All ngoko affixes 3. Used by parallel people, higher to low, old to young, speakers want to create a familiar atmosphere.

The marker of ngoko alus is as follows. a. The words are all ngoko and interspersed with a sulih krama b. Used by older parents against young people who have higher degrees, people who have degrees towards older relatives, people with people who have knowledge (educated).

Speech rate krama is a level of speech that reflects the full meaning of courtesy. Speech rate krama indicates a feeling of reluctance or *pekewuh* speaker against speech partner. Speech rate krama what was found in this study was krama lugu and krama alus.

Marker krama lugu as follows. 1. A level of Javanese speech krama whose degree of fineness is low. Even so, when compared to ngoko alus, Javanese speech level krama lugu remains to show subtlety. 2. Used by young people against parents, students against teachers, friends against equals.

The markers of krama alus are as follows. 1. All words used are krama vocabulary and can be added with krama inggil vocabulary (krama alus or krama andhap). 2. Used by young people towards parents, for respect for speech partners, pupils to teachers, teachers to pupils to teach use *unggah-ungguh* good Javanese language.

The factors that encourage code switching are contained in Hymes' statement in Soewito (1983) which is summarized in the acronym *SPEAKING* which is explained as: *Setting and Scene* (place and atmosphere), *Participant* (interlocutor), *Ends* (purpose and intent of conversation), *Act Sequence* (attitude), *Key* (background of speech), *Instrumentalies* (means), *Norms* (rules of language), and *Genres* (related to gender) [13].

The results of this study can increase research knowledge in the field of sociolinguistics. The use of Javanese speech level at SDN Kedungreja 02 can improve students' ability to communicate according to their use, namely what, where, and with whom to speak. The level of speech used in accordance with the rules, will make SDN Kedungreja 02 students able to

communicate well, the purpose of learning Javanese language will feel easy to use according to the situation and can create good ethics in students.

The loss of regional languages does not need to be mourned because it is a common thing to happen, along with the demands of the times. We must realize that regional languages are important. However, due to today's increasingly global conditions, we need a faster language of unity to communicate so that there is no need to cry if regional languages are decreasing. This matter deserves to be observed wisely and wisely. So it is necessary to emphasize the importance of unity in this plural nation, including plurality in the field of language. This is important so that regional languages are not "run over" by foreign languages caused by the era of globalization. For this reason, one of the things that can bridge inter-ethnic communication is the existence of Indonesian as a language of unity. However, of course, efforts to promote Indonesian must go hand in hand with efforts to preserve regional languages.

Mastering a cooler foreign language actually doesn't hurt because the demands of a world that is increasingly empowered are foreign to the world and require mastering foreign languages. But that does not mean we forget the regional language whose notabe is its own language. It is fitting that we as the next generation of young people love and are proud to use regional languages in everyday life in addition to national languages and foreign languages. To anticipate the increasing number of regional languages becoming extinct, the government and the community need to take a number of strategic steps. For example, local governments need to make policy rules or regulations regarding the protection of regional language (and literature). The government also needs to make regional languages (other than Indonesian) compulsory "subjects" in schools or campuses adapted to their respective regions so that students (students) are familiar from an early age with their respective regional languages. Television and radio also need to be used as a medium to introduce various regional languages through creative programs and attract the wider community, especially among the millennial generation. The community can also contribute to preserving regional languages by initiating various supporting programs, such as making regional language books, providing regional language reading gardens, or through various art-cultural activities, etc.

Without serious efforts from the government and the community to preserve regional languages, it is not impossible if in the future more regional languages in Indonesia will be destroyed in the swallows of time. The extinction of regional languages is a phenomenon that needs to be observed and addressed seriously and wisely. The issue of the extinction of regional languages can certainly affect national government policies that respect diversity and contribute to advancing regional languages in order to preserve the nation's cultural assets in the field of language. If the process of extinction continues without any effort to be maintained and documented, then we will lose a very valuable cultural asset for this nation because language is the cultural reality of speakers of a language. In addition, the extinction of a regional language can "bury" all cultural values stored in that language, unless the language has been documented and transmitted to others so that useful cultural values can be used for the common good. Therefore, to anticipate the phenomenon of language extinction, various smart and serious efforts need to be made. This can not only be done by the government, but also by the ethnic community of speakers of the language by maintaining their loyalty to their own regional language to remain high so that there is no language shift that can eventually lead to extinction. In addition to various documenting efforts, studies in various perspectives, and even efforts to revitalize languages that are in the process of extinction, efforts to make Indonesian society into a multilingual society may need to be considered more seriously. That is, the community is expected to master at once three languages, namely Indonesian as a language of unity, English as an international social language, and their own ethnic language in order to preserve the language and culture of the region.

## 4. Conclusion

Based on research conducted by researchers in observing the use of Javanese speech levels of SDN Kedungreja 02 students, the following conclusions can be drawn: In research conducted at SDN Kedungreja 02 on students, four forms of speech levels were found. The four forms are ngoko lugu, ngoko alus, krama lugu and krama alus. Factors that influence the use of Javanese speech level at SDN Kedungreja 02 are as follows: Setting and Scene, Participant, Ends, Act Sequence, Key, Instrumentalies, Norm, and Genres . The determinants of speech level form selection are influenced by factors of formality of individual relationships between O1 and O2, place and atmosphere factors, speech purpose factors, and norm or rule factors.

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