
Politeness Principle in H.G. Well's Novel "The War of the Worlds"

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Abstract

This Study aims to identify the type of politeness principle used by the character in the novel and to find out how the politeness principle that was used by the characters in the novel. The data source of the study is the novels In H.G Well's The War of The World. In analyzing the data, the researcher used qualitative descriptive method and Maxim's theory. Data were obtained by using the techniques of reading and analyzing. In this study, researcher found 19 data using 6 types of leech theory, namely tact maxim, modesty maxim, approbation maxim, agreement maxim, sympathy maxim, and generosity maxim. In using tact maxim the characters express it in a sincere way, in using modesty Maxim the characters used it by reducing self-praise, in using approbation maxim characters use it in a polite way of praising someone. The agreement maxim used by the characters for asking permission and agreeing, while sympathy maxim used by characters to to keep the people feeling, and generosity maxim for praising someone.

Keywords: Politeness Principle, Maxims, World War, Main Character



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1. INTRODUCTION

Language is a communication tools in speech or writing that is used by people in the country (Hornby, 2009). Human needs a language to communicate and make interaction, without language we cannot communicate and misunderstand with the speaker and hearer. Human can express their feeling, opinion, ambition and all the things by language. Science stydies about a language called linguistic. Linguistic is related with the nature of language and communication (Akmajian, 1990 Thus, increasing the knowledge and understanding all of the things. The language becomes universal and fundamental to the human interactions. The knowledge that attained in linguistics mainly use in pragmatic ways. Moreover, it is part of linguistics in pragmatic people learn about how languages are used in communication. According to Levinson (1983) pragmatic is the study of the spoken meaning by speaker and hearer. Pragmatic is needed in communication to gives interlocutors skills in communicating and how to behave in society. One of the aspects of communication is politeness. Communication needs politeness because it is important value to have a good relation with other people and can make speaker and hearer comfortable with the topic.

There are several ways to think of politeness. These might involve ideas like being tactful, modest and nice to other people. In the study or linguistic politeness, the most relevant concept is 'face'. Yule (1996) states, "Your face, in pragmatics, is your public self-image. It is the emotional and social sense of self that every person has and expects everyone else to recognize". In pragmatics, Leech (1983) defines politeness as forms of behavior that establish and maintain comity. It is the ability of the participants in a social interaction to engage in interaction in an atmosphere of relative harmony. Thus, politeness is a system of interpersonal

relations designed to facilitate interaction by minimizing the potential for conflict and confrontation inherent in all human interchange. According to Leech (1983), Politeness Principles divided by into classifying six maxims in politeness principle: tact maxim, generosity maxim, approbation maxim, modesty maxim, agreement maxim, and sympathy maxim. Tact maxim was the basic idea of maxim policy in civility was that the participants should adhere to the principle to always reduce their own profits and maximize the benefits of others in the said activities. With generosity, someone was expected to respect other. Respect for other will occur when people can reduce profits for themselves and maximize profits for other parties. The third was approbation maxim and with this maxim, it was hoped that the participants do not mock each other, reviling, or degrading each other. The fourth, in the maxim of modesty, speech participants were expected to be humble by reducing the praise of himself. People will be said to be arrogant and haughty if the activity of the said always commend and boast of himself. Then, agreement maxim in this maxim, it was hoped that people can build mutual compatibility in the activity of speech. And the last maxim was sympathy maxim this maxim was expressed with assertive and expressive utterances. In the maxim of sympathy, it was expected that someone can maximize the attitude of sympathy between someone and the other.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

In conducting this research, the writer used some previous studies as references and to support the research. The writer also utilized some other sources such as articles and books that related to this study.

Some previous studies have analyzed pragmatic study and politeness principle in literary works. Decimika (2019) Aanalyzed the negative of politeness strategy found in series Chronicle of Narnia movie. The result of the research shows the markers used to show negative politeness strategies that serve to maximize negative politeness to avoid face threatening acts. From this study the negative politeness strategy that is most widely used by actors is to provide a strategy of respect, an apology strategy, and to continue recording strategies with various markers that maximize the negative politeness strategy. Kamlasi (2017) the positive politeness in conversation performed by the student of English study. The result shows the type of address term of positive politeness of the student conversation. Lustyantie (2019) studied the Leech's politeness principle in lenong betawi humorous dialogue entitled " anak durhaka " The result of the data the performance art has a duration of 53 minutes 9 second with a conversation context of 43 findings with 912 number of speech pairs. Based on those data the fulfillment and violation maxims got 465 findings.

The others researchers study of maxims such Widya (2017) studies of Maxims through whatsapp of students and lecturers conversations. The result of data analysis shows the application and violation of maxim of principle. Each obedience and violation is marked with certain words, phases, or sentences that result in a speech may be said to meet or violate the maxims of politeness. Mufliarsi (2019) Politeness principle by president Joko Widodo's speech act in video blog The Politeness of Teacher's Utterances Inside and Outside Classroom. The result reveals that the writer decides the specification of politeness that occurred, the unit of utterances classified into clause and sentences to decide the characteristic of verbal language used by president. Further more, Hasan, et al. (2021) in the politeness in the drama characters studied of politeness principle. The result shows that the character

always applied some scale in politeness strategies they are indirect scale, optionality scale, authority scale and cost-benefit scale. The main factors influence and determine the politeness strategies are the character social background, place and scene, and the end of the interaction.

3. METHOD

The type of the researcher is library research and descriptive qualitative. This method studying literature and writing that related with the objective raised in this research. There are two types of data namely primary data and secondary data in this research.

The researcher read the novel for accurately, which is done to get the essence of the role story so it can be easier for the researcher analyzing the data related to the politeness principle. Noting and quoting, in this method, the writer took notes and quotes any expressions or statements that can be supported the data analysis. This technique following aspects: 1). What the main character says, 2). What the main character does, 3). What the main character thinks, and 4) What the other characters say about the main character. Collecting supported of the data that will relate with the object of the research such as interrelated articles, theory, the biography of author, and previous research.

The researcher applied pragmatic approach to analyze the data of the literary work in order to find the politeness principle through the main character to fulfill principle of maxims by leech such as tact maxim, generosity maxim, approbation maxim, modesty maxim, agreement maxim, sympathy maxim. The researcher got the data and elaborates the extrinsic elements in the story to discover the problems that can be possibly occur. In order to adapt to the extrinsic element of the novel, the researcher will apply pragmatic as a system to find out the matters accurately in the novel.

4. RESULTS

The researcher used six maxims, the most often used is the Tact Maxim, which is respect for other will occur when people can reduce profits for themselves and maximize profits for other parties. There are six maxims of this research, 1). Tact Maxim, the research found 4 data of the tact Maxim, it proven on pages 33. The basic idea of maxim policy in civility is that the participants should adhere to the principle to always reduce their own profits and maximize the benefits of others in the said activities. 2). Generosity Maxim, the researcher found 3 data of Generosity Maxim, it proven on pages 35. With generosity, someone is expected to respect other. Respect for other will occur when people can reduce profits for themselves and maximize profits for other parties. 3). Approbation Maxim There are 3 data of Approbation Maxim, it proven on pages 38. In this maxim the award is explained that a person will be considered polite if in the said always try to give appreciation type other party. With this maxim, it is hoped that the participants do not mock each other, reviling, or degrading each other. 4). Modesty Maxim, there are 3 data of Modesty Maxim, it proven on pages 41. In the maxim of medesty, speech participants are expected to be humble by reducing the praise of himself. People will be said to be arrogant and haughty if the activity of the said always commend and boast of himself. 5). Agreement Maxim, there are 3 data of Agreement Maxim, it proven on pages 44In this maxim, it is hoped that we can build mutual compatibility in the activity of speech. 6). Sympathy Maxim, there are 3 data of Sympathy Maxim, it proven on pages 47. This maxim is expressed with assertive and expressive utterances. In the maxim of sympathy, it is expected that someone can maximize the attitude of sympathy between someone and the other. There are 6 maxims in

this research and the most often used is Tact Maxim followed by other maxim, all types of maxim above are used by the characters in novel. The main character most often uses tact maxim in situations of meeting other people, when the character shows politeness which is a reflection of Tact Maxim. The main character shows how Tact Maxim works by talking and behaving politely to other people, especially to older people, this is something good in social life so that relations with the community are maintained and develop into a good culture. Other types of maxims are equally important as a reference for learning about the principles and values of decency in the social environment, all of the maxims above are used in this study which have a good impact on social life.

4.1 Tact Maxim

Data 1: *'Who's there?' he said, also whispering, standing under the window and peering up. 'Where are you going?' I asked. 'God knows.' 'Are you trying to hide?' 'That's it.' 'Come into the house,' I said.* (1898)

Based on the quotation above, it shows that wisdom can be used to protect others in danger. Wisdom was used to make decisions that have a positive effect on those who need it.

Data 2: *'They aren't to be killed,' said the milkman, 'if that can possibly be avoided.'* (1898).

From this quotation *'They aren't to be killed,' said the milkman, 'if that can possibly be avoided'*. It can be seen that there were many ways to be wise, one of which was to consider before making decisions that will have a major impact on everyone or on the social environment. Tact maxim teaches that being a wise person was very good but sometimes it was difficult to do because you have to consider a lot of things, sometimes was against other people.

4.2 Generosity Maxim

Data 3: *'I'll give you two,' said I, over the stranger's shoulder. 'What for?' 'And I'll bring it back by midnight,' I said. 'Lord!' said the landlord; 'what's the hurry? I'm selling my bit of a pig. Two pounds, and you bring it back? What's going on now?'* (1898).

Based on the conversation above, *"'Lord!' said the landlord; 'what's the hurry? I'm selling my bit of a pig. Two pounds, and you bring it back? What's going on now?'"*, it can be seen that being generous was not always about the amount of money but about how to share with others, it was the highest generous nature towards fellow humans.

Politeness, in an interaction, can be defined as the means employed to show awareness of another person's face. "Politeness in pragmatics can be defined as a way to respect one's face or self-image. In performing speech acts, politeness was an important concept to be raised so that the self-image or the speaker seems good and also maintains the self-image of others or speakers in order to be respected. Brown and Levinson (1987) state that politeness was an act to prevent and deal with speech acts that threaten self-image or the face of others or oneself.

Data 4: *"Are you better?" asked the curate, in a whisper. At last I answered him. I sat up. "Don't move," he said. "The floor is covered with smashed crockery from the dresser. You can't possibly move without mak-ing a noise, and I fancy they are outside."* (1989)

In conversation above in line *"Are you better?" asked the curate, in a whisper. At last I answered him. I sat up. "Don't move," he say"* asking for something before do it was a manner how to appreciate the other people and it was also the meaning of Approbation Maxim, of course it was not easy to just trust the other person. As a form of strategy to respect the other person, of course people must reflect good things such as expressions and kind treatment. From the quotation above, it can be seen that people do not always trust other people quickly but

observe their gestures and speech but people still prioritize the value of politeness when speaking.

4.3 Approbation Maxim

Data 5: *"I do," I said; and he turned his horse southward again. "Half a mile, you say?" said he. "At most," I answered, and pointed over the tree-tops southward. He thanked me and rode on, and we saw them no more. (1898)*

In conversation, it was necessary to know that praising the other person was an important point to build good communication. Based on the quotation above in line *"I do," I said; and he turned his horse southward again. "Half a mile, you say?" said he.*", being willing was a way of really appreciating other people's requests people see conversations that do praise and thank you as a form of appreciation for the interlocutor so that the interlocutor feels proud of what has been done, that was a strategy to satisfy the interlocutor so that the rhythm of communication was maintained.

Data 6: *"That's good!" said I. "They will get one fair shot, at any rate. "The artilleryman hesitated at the gate. "I shall go on," he said. (1989)*

Based on the quotation above in line, *"That's good!" said I. "They will get one fair shot, at any rate. "The artilleryman hesitated at the gate. "I shall go on," he said,* praise was a good way of appreciating and this was in line with maxim generosity, it can be seen that prejudice against the interlocutor was not wise, there were many possibilities that could occur in line with the toughness of the conversation. As people who pay attention to the norms of politeness, of course people must sort out the words that were appropriate to say and which were not suitable as future references.

4.4 Modesty Maxim

Data 7: *'Quite enough,' said the woman over the gate. 'Thanks'; and all three of them laughed. I felt foolish and angry. I tried and found I could not tell them what I had seen. They laughed again at my broken sentences. 'You'll hear more yet,' I said, and went on to my home. (1898)*

Based on the above conversation, *I felt foolish and angry. I tried and found I could not tell them what I had seen. They laughed again at my broken sentences* show that being humble was a good thing, but sometimes it was against our conscience, but as a person who puts the interests of knowing the feelings of others, giving in to circumstances was a good thing.

Data 8: *"Stop!" he cried, when I was within ten yards of him, and I stopped. His voice was hoarse. "Where do you come from?" he said. I thought, surveying him. "I come from Mortlake," I said. "I was buried near the pit the Martians made about their cylinder. (1898)*

Expression was a reflex attitude towards situations, in applying the value of politeness when speaking, you should pay attention to the face of the other person so that the atmosphere can be controlled. From the quote above in line *"Stop!" he cried, when I was within ten yards of him, and I stopped. His voice was hoarse. "Where do you come from?" he said. I thought, surveying him. "I come from Mortlake," I said. "I was buried near the pit the Martians made about their cylinder.*

Helping others with an attitude of staying full of friendliness was the way that maxim modesty likes, someone was crying seeing the situation at hand, in was situation a simple motivational word must be uttered to increase the spirit of the person who is sad, this was a form of politeness and respect for what the other person was feeling.

4.5 Agreement Maxim

Data 9: *'I'll sit here,' said my brother, 'if I may'; and he got upon the empty front seat. The lady looked over her shoulder. 'Give me the reins,' she said, and laid the whip along the pony's side. In another moment a bend in the road hid the three men from my brother's eyes. (1898)*

Based on the quotation above the agreement maxim certainly teaches how about harmony between humans in carrying out tasks or the principle of politeness and the slanted quote shows the value of compactness. In conversation there were certainly interesting things to talk about; including fantasy and imagination, there was hope that stimulates the mind to do well, of course in a polite way so that the rhythm of friendship and discussion was well-established.

Data 10: *"What's the good of going on with such lies?" said the artillery- man. "There's men who'd do it cheerful. What nonsense to pretend there isn't!" And I succumbed to his conviction. "If they come after me," he said; "Lord, if they come after me!" and subsided into a grim meditation. (1898)*

Being a liar in a conversation was a very dishonorable act, especially if caught by the other person. Based on the quote above, *"What's the good of going on with such lies?" said the artillery- man. "There's men who'd do it cheerful. What nonsense to pretend there isn't!" And I succumbed to his conviction. "If they come after me," he said; "Lord, if they come after me!" and subsided into a grim meditation"*. Giving motivation to others was also an act of maxims agreement, it can be seen that lying with the other person was not a reflection of politeness at all and it could lead to a polemic with the other person. This of course must be avoided to maintain relationships with discussion partners.

4.6 Sympathy Maxim

Data 11: *"As you meant me to go?" "Well—I parleyed, 2 didn't I?" "We won't quarrel about that. Go on (1989)*

To disrespect others was certainly against the value of politeness. From the quote above in line *"As you meant me to go?" "Well—I parleyed,2 didn't I?" "We won't quarrel about that. Go on"*. The person leaves feeling offended, with great sympathy for the other person he was talking to and finally chooses to leave.

Politeness was a phenomenon that exists in society. Although not all contexts of situations require someone to speak politely, violations of politeness will cause unrest in society. Politeness was an important value to develop because politeness was related to a person's positive character. If someone communicates using a language style that can smooth the intent to be conveyed, then the character and personality of a person becomes polite and refined.

Data 12: *Don't, dear!' said my wife, knitting her brows and putting her hand on mine. 'Poor Ogilvy!' I said. 'To think he may be lying dead there!' (1989)*

Based on the quotation above in line *"Don't, dear!' said my wife, knitting her brows and putting her hand on mine"*. Shows that there were many ways a wife feels sympathy for person husband, including by prohibiting or advising and that was a good thing in the household but the most important thing was how to maintain a relationship or dialogue to keep it good.

5. DISCUSSION

Based on the research data above by using six maxims, the most used maxim was the Tact Maxim, which was respect for other will occur when people can reduce profits for themes and maximize profits for other parties, there were six maxim of this research. The research found 2

data of the tact Maxim. The basic idea of maxim policy in civility was that the participants should adhere to the principle to always reduce their own profits and maximize the benefits of others in the said activities.

This maxim can be seen in the example of tact maxim in data 1 and 2, this data shows that characters always decrease the advantages to him but generate the advantages to others.

The researcher found 2 data of Generosity Maxim. With generosity, someone was expected to respect other. Respect for other will occur when people can reduce profits for themselves and maximize profits for other parties. This maxim can be seen in the example of generosity maxim in data 3 and 4, this data shows that character is expected to respect the other people and that can reduce their benefit to maximize the benefit of others parties.

The researcher found 2 data of Approbation Maxim in this maxim the award was explained that a person was be considered polite if in the said always try to give appreciation to the other party. With this maxim, it was hoped that the participants do not mock each other, reviling, or degrading each other. This maxim can be seen in the example of approbation maxim in data 5 and 6, this data shows that characters always try to respect others so they don't mock and scorn each other.

There were 2 data of Modesty Maxim In the maxim of modesty, speech participants were expected to be humble by reducing the praise of him. People will be said to be arrogant and haughty if the activity of the said always commend and boast of him. This maxim can be seen in the example of modesty maxim in data 7 and 8, this data shows that characters is showing his humility by not praising himself.

There were 2 data of Agreement Maxim it was hoped that people can build mutual compatibility in the activity of speech. This maxim can be seen in the example of agreement maxim in data 9 and 10. These data show that characters show their compatibility or incompatibility with their interlocutors in order to reach an agreement.

There were 2 data of Sympathy Maxim. This maxim was expressed with assertive and expressive utterances. In the maxim of sympathy, it was expected that someone can maximize the attitude of sympathy between someone and the other. This maxim can be seen in the example of sympathy maxim in data 11 and 12, this data shows that character always expect to maximize the attitude of sympathy between other people in a way of firm and expressive.

There were 6 maxims in this research and the most frequencies used was Tact Maxim followed by other maxim, all types of maxim above were used by the characters in novel. The main character most often uses tact maxim in situations of meeting other people, when the character shows politeness which was a reflection of Tact Maxim. The main character shows how Tact Maxim works by talking and behaving politely to other people, especially to older people, this was something good in social life so that relations with the community were maintained and develop into a good culture. Other types of maxims were equally important as a reference for learning about the principles and values of decency in the social environment, all of the maxims above were used in this study which has a good impact on social life.

6. CONCLUSIONS

The results reveal that the principle of decency such as dialogue, speaking a word or the other behavior as intended above. the Tact Maxim used by the characters to express a sincere way. The Approbation Maxim used by the characters to show the polite way of praising someone while using Modesty Maxim to reduce the self-praise. The character used Generosity

Maxim to offer the praising to addressee, and Agreement Maxim, the characters used for asking permission and agreement. The character also using Sympathy Maxim to keep the addressee's feeling.

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