



Descriptive Study of Phonology in Betawi Language

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ABSTRACT

In this research, the writer conducted a linguistic study; the study is entitled “A Descriptive study of Phonology in Betawi Language”. The writer chooses this topic because the writer is interested in Betawi language especially about their dialect, so the writer wants to analyze the phonemes and the distribution of the phonemes in Betawi language. The aim of this research is to describe the phonemes and the distribution of the phonemes in Betawi language. In arranging this research, the researcher uses a descriptive qualitative method because there is a description explanation of the data and the data analyzed are in the form of words and sentences.

In the result of this research Betawi language has 18 consonants and 6 vowel phonemes. The consonants consist of three pairs of voiceless and voiced stops /p/, /t/, k/ and /b/, /d/, /g/; two affricates /č/ and /j/; two fricatives /s/ and /h/; four nasals /m/, /n/, /ñ/ and /ŋ/; two semi vowels /y/ and /w/; one lateral /l/, and one liquid /r/. The

vowels are two high vowels /i/ and /u/, two low vowels /e/ and /o/, and two central vowel /a/ and /ə/. For the second problem based on the result of the study, Betawi’s phoneme occurs initially, medially, and finally, except voiceless consonant /č/ and /h/ cannot occur initially, for voiced consonant stop /b/, /d/, nasal /ñ/ and semi vowel /w/, /y/ cannot occur finally and also nasal /ŋ/ cannot occur initially. Most of Betawi language has two syllables. The object of this research is spoken Betawi language. Five native speakers work as informants and one as the main informant. This research has the linguistic universal as working hypothesis. It aims analyzing the sound as linguistic unit beside word and sentence. The sound is studied in its phonological form.

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