ABSTRACT

A Psycholinguistic Analysis of Verbal and Non-Verbal Language Problems in the Characters Asperger Syndrome in the movie *My Name Is Khan*.

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This research is a psycholinguistic study of verbal and non-verbal language problems faced by the main character in the movie My Name is Khan, who is a person having Asperger syndrome during his life. In this research, the writer intends to classify the verbal and non-verbal language communication problem experienced by the main character in the movie *"My Name is Khan"*. The writer used descriptive qualitative approach. The data sources are movie script of my Name is Khan movie were taken from internet. The data were presented in utterances and take a picture related to non-verbal language problem base on Attwood (2007) and Gilbergh (2002) theory. The results of the research show two important points.

First, based on the findings of this research, there are six types of verbal language problems in Khan's utterances. The most frequent phenomena arelack of pragmatics, followed by literal interpretation, odd prosody, pedantic language, sounding on the mind, auditory discrimination and distortion, and verbal fluency. One type is absent, it is idiosyncratic use of words. Khan is a person with Asperger syndrome who recognizes that he has Asperger syndrome. In this phenomenon he created a new topic or change the conversation based on what he think.

Second, there are four of non-verbal language problems faced by Khan. They are peculiar stiff gaze, limited facial expression, gauche body language, inappropriate expression and limited use of gestures. Peculiar stiff gaze is the most frequent phenomenon. This phenomenon happens because individuals with Asperger syndrome do not know what thing they have to see while they are speaking. They cannot do more than one thing in the same time. It ruins their concentration. It is necessarily to understand about Asperger syndrome because this analysis can give more explanation about Asperger syndrome symptoms to all people and people can recognize this syndrome early.