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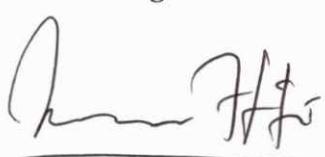
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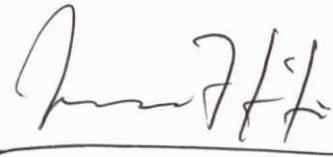
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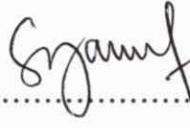
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Politeness is the measure that language is used well. Because language is not only to be learned but also to be used. English learners are expected to have a competence in communication using English not only grammatically correct but also polite in use. Sustaining this expectation, politeness strategies help the students run the communication well since often what needs to be communicated is unpleasant and threatening to the hearer. By investigating the use of politeness strategies in one sample of talk show may give description of examples on how it is applied. This significance is not only for students but also for teachers when they do teaching. It is because the habitual way of students learning is mostly influenced by what they see and listen from their teachers.

This study uses descriptive qualitative research as the method in analyzing the data. Samples of talk radio show broadcasted in American and British radio program become the data source to be investigated. It is to know how the interviewers apply the use of politeness strategies. Finding some similarities and differences between them also become a part of this study since this is a kind of comparative study. The data were collected by downloading the scripts from the internet. Some politeness strategies proposed by Brown and Levinson are used to analyze the data.

The result of the study revealed that both radio interviewers, American and British applied some of politeness strategies. The American radio interviewer mostly used negative politeness strategy in mitigating the threatening acts towards his interviewee's negative face. While Bald on record strategy is the most often used by the British radio interviewer. The most used type by the two interviewers is Impersonalization as the type of negative politeness strategy and Little or no desire to maintain someone's face as the type of Bald on record strategy.

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