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## **ABSTRACT**

This study examined and analyzed the speech patterns between male and female students of UCSI. Four interviewees from UCSI University had participated in the survey interviews. The recorded interviews were all transcribed for analysis. The analysis focused on the use of tag questions, hedges and fillers in male and female speech and on why they tend to speak differently. The findings showed that tag questions, hedges and fillers as belonging to the speech domain of female gender are no longer an accurate representation of speech differences between men and women. As found by this study, only tag questions remain in the domain of female speech whereas hedges and fillers are used mostly by male speakers.