

**DISCOURSE ANALYSIS OF SAME AND MIXED-SEX INTERACTIONS
IN TALK SHOWS**

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ABSTRACT

This study focuses on male and female discourse in same sex and mixed-sex conversation in talk shows. The purpose of this study is to investigate differences in exchanges between woman and man guests' conversation with male and female host in terms of using language features. These features included interactional signals and discourse markers as well as interruptions, overlaps and politeness strategies. Four videos have been downloaded from YouTube and transcribed as a data of this study. The findings of this study show that interactional signals and discourse markers are used for confirmation, controlling and managing the floor in same and mixed-sex interaction, but in competitive floor, these features are for taking the turns from the current speaker to compete with him, especially in same-sex conversations. Interruption also occurs between men in both same-sex and mixed-sex conversation. In contrast overlapping is used more by women. Politeness strategies between male and female in conversations depend on formality and informality of situation and topic of the conversation. The situation of talk shows with audiences is usually considered as a formal setting and it creates environment that requires the guests to be polite. Responses to complement, greetings and using indirect speech are generally employed to avoid answering the questions by both male and female in same and mixed-sex interactions.