Chapter v

Conclusion

Lately, hedges have an important role our life, in academic and professional life. The focus of this study is to analyze hedges in J.K Rowling's utterances with Oprah Winfrey Show. In J.K Rowling's interview, I attempts to find types and functions of hedges.

After analyzing the hedges, it is found that J.K Rowling's utterances contain a lot of hedges. The most frequent type is Modal auxiliary verbs. The second most frequent is belonging to approximators of degree, quantity, frequency and time, followed by introductory phrases, followed by if clause, followed by adjectival, adverbial and modal phrases, modal lexical and the last is compound hedges.

Furthermore, including four functions of hedges identified in interview while sensitivity to others' feeling as one of functions of hedges could not be found. The most frequent functions is expressing doubt and confidence, which is followed by searching for the right word and avoiding playing the expert.

By analyzing and discussing the data, it can be summed up the hedges are important devices in the process of communication. Four functions of hedges are used to express doubt and confidence, sensitivity others' feeling, searching for the right word and avoiding playing the expert. Relating to the findings, sensitivity

others' feeling as one of functions of hedges could not be found it because in her utterance, the speaker only talked about herself without involving other people.

Finally, I expect that this study could inspire further researchers who are interested in analyzing hedges in interview. I hope that this study could provide useful perspectives about the study of hedges.