**An Analysis of the Use of British English and American English toward Speaking Ability in the Students’ Telegram Accounts of STKIP PGRI University of Sidoarjo**

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**Abstract**

*This research examines the use of British and American English in speaking skills on STKIP PGRI Sidoarjo University student accounts. The goal of this study was to examine the vocabulary of British English and American English on the Telegram accounts of STKIP PGRI Sidoarjo University students. This study employs a qualitative approach with descriptive analysis techniques. Purposive sampling from group voice calls used to practice speaking English was used for the sampling technique. The Telegram accounts examined are those of STKIP PGRI Sidoarjo University students. The accounts examined were five STKIP PGRI Sidoarjo student accounts. According to the findings of this study, the researcher examined the differences between British and American English speech accents on students' Telegram. Second, the researcher examines the skills of speaking about grammatical suitability, accent conversation, and sentence context.*

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**INTRODUCTION**

These two distinct English versions can be traced back to the early 17th century, when British colonies were established in America. According to an article titled "American English vs. British English" (n.d.), English spread to other parts of the world because the British Empire had a large reach at the time. However, the English version used in America gradually diverged from the original British English, resulting in the recognition of two distinct versions. According to the article, these distinctions include not only pronunciation but also "grammar, vocabulary (lexis), and spelling pronunciation." These distinctions are discussed in this essay.

In the age of globalization, every individual must be able to communicate in English. This is the primary tool for establishing communication and competing on a global scale. English is the medium of communication and the first international language used to interact with people all over the world. English is a Germanic language that was first spoken in the early medieval period in England. It is now the official language and is widely spoken in nearly 60 countries worldwide.

In English, four aspects of language skills are taught: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Because these four skills are part of language, which is essentially a means of communication, they have a high contribution in this case and can be used as an indicator to improve students' abilities effectively. Though speaking is one of the most important skills. Speaking skills should be regularly trained and practiced. As a result, in this day and age of technological advancement, using the popular media Telegram is one way to improve one's speaking skills. To summarize, social media is a digital and online community that allows people to interact with one another. Telegram is already known to the students as an online social community. Telegram is a communication platform that allows students to share information in groups. Fitriansyah Fifit (2020).

The presence of Telegram in the world of social networking causes significant changes because it allows students to do a variety of activities by utilizing the benefits and sophistication of Telegram in order to speak in groups and compare two English accents, namely British and American. The presence of Telegram in the world of social networking brought about a significant change because it made it easier for students to carry out various activities by utilizing the benefits of Telegram, as well as being able to compare two different accents when making group calls. As citizens or members of a digital society, we must be able to use rapid technological changes as a means of communication; this is one of our responsibilities as the nation's next generation.

As a result, using Telegram as a medium of communication in English learning is incorrect. Instead, use a group chat call to demonstrate the difference between two English accents. In light of the problem's context, the purpose of this study is to examine how the use of Telegram as a medium of communication affects English learning. Of course, we are directly related to digital learning in order for someone's perspective to be global in addressing these issues. As citizens of a digital society, we must be able to capitalize on rapid technological changes; this is our responsibility as the nation's next generation.

Furthermore, Telegram is a mobile application that allows users to message someone, send a picture or video, and make a video call in groups or privately. Telegram has over 192 million monthly active users who use it as a communication tool. The students' perspectives on using Telegram in the teaching and learning process differ. in this study concluded that telegram is a transmission tool to distribute learning content, Rinasih (2015). Perception is an external factor in forming opinions, comprehending beliefs, and responding to an innovation (Johnson in Alnujaidi, 2017).

**METHOD**

This research uses a qualitative descriptive approach, emphasizing words. This research, according to (Lindlof and Taylor, 2002), seeks truth and analyzes the state, content, and experience of social action rather than transforming it into a mathematical or other formal transformation. Purposive sampling was used by the researchers, who took samples from STKIP PGRI Sidoarjo University students' Telegram accounts.

15 Telegram accounts with English accent pronunciation in English class were analyzed as data. The researcher collected data from 5 samples of STKIP PGRI Sidoarjo University students' Telegram accounts. Researchers analyzed and classified British English and American English accent pronunciation when making group voice calls on the STKIP PGRI Sidoarjo University Students' Telegram account.

**FINDINGS**

In relation to the study's purpose, the researcher categorizes the vocabulary of British English and American English used by STKIP PGRI Sidoarjo University students in developing speaking skills on their 15 Telegram accounts as data.



**Figure of Telegram Voice Group**

We can see the results of the data analysis process;

1. Differentiation of British and American English
	1. Lexicon Distinction
	2. Accent Variation

Pronunciation (1.3)

1. Speaking Skills
	1. Distinctions between English Grammar and American English
	2. Application of British Grammatical Speaking English and American English active
2. As a source of English knowledge, British and American English
	1. Telegram as a Popular Medium for Speaking Skills Development

Glossary (3.2)

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

1. **Classification of British English and American English**
	1. **Differences of Lexicon**

Fares (2019) writes lexicon or vocabulary is a central linguistic area where there are noticeable differences between British English and American English. As a result, we can conclude that the historical separation of England and the United States contributed to the disparity or independence. vocabulary quality in British and American English, at least in the areas of food, clothing, and transportation The tables below show some examples of vocabulary differences between British and American English. In both British and American English, vocabulary items are used in a variety of ways. In other words, some words exist in both varieties of English, but they are used differently by people in the America and the British.

*Table 1. Differences of Lexicon/Vocabulary*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **BrE Vocabulary** | **Number of Account** | **AmE Vocabulary** | **Number of Account** |
| Holiday | 2 | **Vacation** | 3 |
| Football | 2 | Soccer | - |
| **Garden** | 2 | Yard | - |
| Organisation | - | Organization | 1 |
| Car Park | - | Parking lot | 1 |
| Programme | - | Program | 2 |
| Mate | - | Friend | 3 |
| Sort | - | Kind | 2 |
| Mobile Phone | - | Cell Phone | 1 |
| Having a bath | - | Taking a bath | 1 |
| Forwards | - | Forward | 1 |
| Motorway | - | Highway | 1 |
| **Total of****Account** | **6** | **Total of****Account** | **13** |

According of the table that 13 accounts used American English lexicon and 6 accounts used British English Lexicon.

* 1. **Spelling Differences**

There are numerous spelling differences between British and American English. This distinction can be seen in the following aspects.

* + 1. (o) vs. (ou) American spelling uses (o) before (r) and (1) inwords, whereas British spelling uses (ou). For example, in American English, "honor, favor, and molt" is used, whereas in British English, "honour, favor, and moult" is used.
		2. According to Richard Vensky (2001), this contrast in spelling between British English and American English is dated to the American Revolution, and particularly to the spelling reform lead by the American linguist Noah Webster.
		3. According to the explanation written by Richard Vensky that the contrast in spelling between British English and American English stems from Revolutionary American, and in particular the spelling reforms led by American linguist Noah Webster.

# Pronunciation

The pronunciation of spoken English varies greatly (Wakelin, 2008) there are three distinct and spoken Standard English pronunciations. 1) The Received Pronunciation, also known as Oxford English, is the British English standard; 2) The General American is the English accent that is considered standard in North America and is commonly heard in American film, television, news, and series. It is more commonly heard around the world; 3) The General Australian is Australian English. American and British.

English are widely used Standard English pronunciations. The pronunciation of British and American English differs significantly. The pronunciation differs noticeably. The most obvious example is the way the letter "r" is pronounced. The letter "r" is pronounced clearly in American English, but not in British English when it comes after a vowel in the same syllable (for example, car, hard, market). There are some distinctions that are difficult and perplexing. Because it is a standard in sound description, using phonetic symbols or IPA symbols helps to ensure accuracy. The differences between British and American English can be summarized using IPA symbols as follows (Gomez, 2009).

1. Differences in vowel pronunciation The most relevant ones are the change of diphthong [əʊ], change of [ɒ], change of [æ], and change of [ju:].
2. Differences in consonant pronunciationIt involves the difference pronunciation of letter t
3. Change of stress

It is the change of stress in certain suffixes such as –ate, -atory

1. Differences in articulation American English has a clear tendency to pronounce unstressed syllables, while British English does not show it.

 Because we focused on speaking skills in this study, the researcher analyzed pronunciation on phonetic symbols (IPA symbols) in the Oxford dictionary. Based on the differences in IPA symbols in American and British English, the words were analyzed using IPA phonetic symbols. This clearly demonstrates how different the phonetic symbols in the two speech accents are.

The analysis of the phonetic symbols in 15 accounts yielded 35 words with phonetic symbols. Phonetic symbols are divided into two groups: BrE and AmE.

# Speaking Skill

* 1. **Grammatical Differences in British and American English**

There are many grammatical differences in the detailed aspects of British and American English. In some structures, they use different grammatical forms to express the same meaning; they also use integrated grammatical forms while others adopt omitted forms. However, overall here there is no assessment of which is better or more advanced. Bin Zhang (Asian Social Science, 2008) classifies several types of grammatical differences in American and British English. The researcher took these theories to analyze the findings of the speech accents on group calls on Telegram which have been written by STKIP PGRI students below.

* + 1. **Verbal Distinctions**

a. In British English, the past tense of "get" is "got," whereas in American English, the past participle "eaten" is used. Americans use the word "got" to mean "own, possess, and dominate." "They have no pride," for example.

b. "Have you any children?" is used in British English. or "Do you have any children?" and Americans commonly ask, "Do you have any children?"

# Differences in Prepositions

# Prepositional differences between British and American English can be seen in two ways:

# Different uses of prepositions in phrase construction

# My son's name is at the top of the list. (BrE) My son's name is at the top of the list.

# (AmE)

# Remove the preposition

# The preposition "on" is used before "day", "week", or "certain day" in British English, but not in American English.

# In August, the new semester begins.

# (BrE) The new semester begins in August.

# (AmE)

# When "home" is used as an adverb in American English, the preposition "at" is not used. In British English, however, they use "at home."

# Is he at home? (AmE)

# Is he at home? (BrE)

# Tense Differences

# When expressing a recent event, there are differences in the use of tense in British and American English. The past perfect tense is used in British English, as in "I have just eaten your brownies cake" or "I have just taken your gift." American English, on the other hand, uses the past tense, as in "I just ate your brownies cake" or "I just took your gift."

# Differences in Use of Noun

* + - 1. Differences in Forms

# BrE AmE

Candidature Candidacy

 Centenary Centennial

Cookery (book) Cook (book)

Racialist Racialism

Racist Racism

Sparking Plug Spark Plug

Transport Transportation

# Same Word, Different Meanings

This classification is divided into two types. The first is to include meanings. When Americans want to express a new thing or object, it appears to them that adding a new meaning to an existing word is the most convenient method.For example: Clout is a term that refers to power, influence, and prestige, particularly in politics. One of the mafia's operational units is the family. A point is a fee charged by a lender that is reduced by the effective interest rate if the loan is increased.

The other option is to alter the meaning. Many words that originated in the United Kingdom now have completely different meanings in the United States.

# Differences in Pronouns

# To repeat the indefinite pronoun "one," British and American English use different pronouns. "One cannot succeed unless one tries hard," for example, in British English. "One cannot succeed unless he tries hard," for example, while Americans use "he."

# Differences in Adjectives and Adverbs

# In non-formal American English adjectives can be used as adverbs, for example “a real good meal.” However, in British English and formal American English only adverbs can be used “a really good meal.”

# In American English, adverbs can be used more feely in respect of position. They can either be placed in front of auxiliary verbs or behind them, while the meaning of the sentences remains same. For example, “the y never will agree with your opinion” or “they will never agree with your opinion.” However, in British English the position of adverbs placed behind the first auxiliary verb.

# In British English, the adverbs “yet” and “already” cannot be used in past tense and can only be used in past perfect tense. However, in American English, they can be used in both. For example I haven‟t bought the books yet. (AmE, BrE) I didn‟t buy the book yet. (AmE).

# CONCLUSION

# After discussing the subject of using British English and American English for speaking skills in Telegram, the author draws several conclusions in this chapter in the hope that the readers of this article will gain a clear understanding of the use of British English and American English in speaking capabilities in Telegram.

* + 1. The data analysis shows that some students used American English Voabulary in their writing of accounts Instagram. There are 6 accounts used in British English vocabulary and there are 13 accounts used in American English vocabulary. The classifications are: Differences of Lexicon, Differences of spelling and pronunciation.
		2. In general, there are some grammatical differences written by the students in the use of British English and American English toward writing ability in Instagram. The grammatical differences in British and American English are:
			1. Differences in Verbs 0%
			2. Differences in Prepositions 0%
			3. Differences in Tense 0%
		3. By analyzing British and American English in Instagram accounts, it can be concluded that Instagram is one of the media to develop writing ability. And we can make glossary to be reference of the differences of British and American English.

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