

ABSTRACT

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This research focuses on turn-taking strategies used in Oprah Winfrey Show. The aims of this research is to explain the kinds of turn taking strategies and the functions of turn taking strategies used in Oprah Winfrey Show. This research used turn taking strategies theory proposed by Sternstrom (1994).

This research used descriptive qualitative method. The data source of this research is the video of Oprah Winfrey Show – *coming out interview* episode. Then the data is the utterances of Ellen DeGeneres as the guest star of the talk show.

In the finding the writer found 30 data. Ten data belong to taking the floor strategies, eight data belong to holding the floor strategies, two data belong to yielding the floor strategies and ten data belong to the mixing of taking the floor and holding the floor strategy. Besides that the writer also found the function of the turn taking strategies used in Oprah Winfrey Show. They are to evaluate the previous speaker, to take turn without any plan before, to give chance to the next speaker to speak, to remember what the speaker will say next and to convince the audiences.

Key words: Oprah Winfrey Show, turn taking strategies and the function of turn taking