ABSTRACT

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In this study aimed to investigate compliment response strategies performed by English students by using Holmes Theory, those are Accept, Reject, Deflect or Evade. The researcher chooses 10 participants from fourth semester in English Department. The researcher used descriptive qualitative as an approach in this study. Further, in order to answer the research questions and also to obtain the data, the researcher used DCT (Discourse Completion Test) adapted from Yuan (2001) and interview as a research instrument. By using role play in order to investigate what kind of respond that they produced and after that in order to get specific answer the researcher interviewed the participant and this action take place in UPT Bahasa. Based on the finding, the result shows that they tend to "Accept" the compliment from others event though half of the result also shows that they "reject" the compliment by disagreeing the utterance.