Abstract

The present extended essay investigates the use of politeness strategies in our community in order to highlight if the politeness phenomena does exist in our society. The present work consists of three chapters; the first chapter is devoted to the literature review that corresponds to the theme and some basic relevant sociolinguistic and pragmatic concepts. The second chapter deals with politeness strategies. The last chapter is the practical part; it includes the analysis of the results of the questionnaire and the record. Those three chapters enhance the result of the current work. The analyzed data revealed that the most used politeness strategies among the target population ; the positive one : "exaggerate" , "give reasons", "seek agreement" , "avoid disagreement" , while the negative politeness strategies are: "be conventionally indirect" , "impersonalize" , "be pessimistic" , moreover there is a noticeable use of the type "off record" , which is an indirect tool to minimize the imposition. So we can say that the politeness theory is applicable in the Algerian community since we found the politeness strategies whether the negative or the positive, even though with varying degrees, but it does exist.