

The main objective of this study is to investigate the use of the main impoliteness strategies mainly in line with Culpeper's (1996) framework. The study argues that linguistic tools in this thesis, like the impoliteness theory, can be applied to literary works and has the same effect as on the formal language. It can give a great help in explaining the social connection, social behaviour, patterns of social relationships, social interaction, and aspects of culture of the characters and also track the change and the social causes and consequences in these aspects.

The data of this study involve selected American and British short stories with the objective of investigating the concept of impoliteness using a sociolinguistic model according to Culpeper frame work. The data has been analysed to see how different environments and war period affects the use of impoliteness. This impact can be noticed the authors that is reflected by their characters. The strategies are identified and conducted in terms of frequency and percentage of occurrence of each strategy. This involves the different impoliteness treatment between the different characters and genders too.

The reason for adopting this approach is due to the fact that most of the previous studies and the trend in the later years considered with context only and give little to none attention to the form. The form and context work together to get the best explanation of literary texts. One of the few models that focuses only on the linguistic form is Culpeper's (1996; 2001; 2005). The result showed the effect of

the war on American Society and raise of cultural behaviours such as informality, directness, and the raise of dark humour. The influence of the war reached the British society too. The British are famous for Reservedness quality, but the war has its strong impact on them.

This dissertation consists of five chapters. Chapter One involves preliminaries forming and introduction to the dissertation. Chapter Two provides an account of the literature review which could well form a good background to the study in focus. Chapter Three is an attempt has been made so as to simply relevant information about the adopted model in analysis the obtained data. Chapter Four has been devoted to the analysis of relevant data with an account of the obtained results. Chapter Five presents information about the results, recommendations, and suggestions for further research. The dissertation ends up with a list of the consulted bibliography.