

**PHONOLOGICAL SYSTEM OF TOLOWERI DIALECT SPOKEN
IN BIMA REGENCY, WEST NUSA TENGGARA**

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Abstract

This study was designed in the form of a descriptive qualitative study. This study aimed to investigate the segmental phonemes of Toloweri dialect as one of the Bima languages and their distributions. Three informants of Toloweri dialect were chosen based on a set of criteria. This study data were collected using three word lists: Swadesh', Nothofer', and Hole's lists. The obtained data were analyzed and displayed descriptively. this study show that the Toloweri dialect has 48 phonemes. Not all of those phonemes have complete distribution. The dialect has : 5 vowels; /ʌ/, /ɪ/, /ʊ/, /e/, and /ɔ/, 17 diphthongs; /ʌɪ/, /ʌʊ/, /ʌe/, /ʌɔ/, /ɪʌ/, /ɪe/, /ɪʊ/, /ʊʌ/, /ʊɪ/, /ʊe/, /ɔʌ/, /ɔɪ/, /ɔʊ/, /ɔe/, /eɔ/, /eɪ/, and /eʌ/, 16 consonants; /p/, /b/, /t/, /f/, /d/, /h/, /c/, /j/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /k/, /g/, /r/, /s/, and /w/, and 10 consonant clusters that can be classified into 7 types of blends, such as two m-blends, three n-blends, one b-blend, two s-blends, one t-blend, t-blend and one k- blend. However, this researcher did not find any triphthong phoneme in Toloweri dialect In terms of syllabic patterns, there are 14 syllabic that can be classified into four types, namely monosyllabic, disyllabic, trisilabic, and tetrasyllabic.

Keywords: phonology; phoneme; Toloweri dialect

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Abstrak

Penelitian ini dirancang dalam bentuk penelitian deskriptif kualitatif. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui fonem segmental dialek Toloweri sebagai salah satu bahasa Bima dan sebarannya. Tiga informan dialek Toloweri dipilih berdasarkan seperangkat kriteria. Data penelitian ini dikumpulkan dengan menggunakan tiga daftar kata: daftar Swadesh', Nothofer', dan Hole. Data yang diperoleh dianalisis dan ditampilkan secara deskriptif. Penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa dialek Toloweri memiliki 48 fonem. Tidak semua fonem tersebut memiliki distribusi yang lengkap. Dialek memiliki 5 vokal; /ʌ/, /ɪ/, /ʊ/, /e/, /ɛ/ dan /ɔ/, 17 diftong; /ɪɪ/, /ɪʊ/, /ʌe/, /ʌɔ/, /ɪʌ/, /ɪe/, /ɪʊ/, /ʊʌ/, /ʊɪ/, /ue/, /ɔʌ/, /ɔɪ/, /ɔʊ/, /ɔe/, /eɔ/, /ei/, and /eʌ/, 16 konsonan; /p/, /b/, /t/, /f/, /d/, /h/, /c/, /j/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /k/, /g/, /r/, /s/, and /w/, dan 10 gugus konsonan yang dapat diklasifikasikan menjadi 7 jenis campuran, seperti dua m-blend, tiga n-blend, satu b-blend, dua s-blend, satu t-blend, t-blend, dan satu k-blend . Namun, peneliti ini tidak menemukan fonem triftong dalam dialek Toloweri. Dari segi pola suku kata, ada 14 suku kata yang dapat diklasifikasikan menjadi empat jenis, yaitu bersuku kata satu, bersuku dua, bersuku tiga, dan bersuku kata tetra.

Kata kunci: fonologi; fonem; dialek Toloweri