

RECEPTIONISTS' POLITENESS IN GREETING AND OFFERING ASSISTANCE**Budi Purnomo¹**¹ Universitas Surakarta, Indonesia**DOI: 10.23917/humaniora.v26i2.10456**Received: June 4th, 2025. Revised: July 25th, 2025. Accepted: August 24th, 2025Available Online: August 30th, 2025. Published Regularly: August 2025**Keywords**Politeness strategies
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This study investigates the politeness strategies employed by hotel receptionists in Surakarta, Indonesia, focusing on greeting and offering assistance to guests. The research addresses the gap in understanding how hospitality staff strategically use language to perform Face Threatening Acts (FTAs) politely and professionally. The study employs a qualitative descriptive method, using Brown and Levinson's politeness theory as the analytical framework. Data were gathered through non-participant observation and audio recordings of receptionist–guest interactions at two major hotels. The analysis reveals various patterns of greetings and offers of assistance that correspond to both positive and negative politeness strategies. Positive politeness is reflected in expressions that show friendliness, solidarity, and personal attention, such as personalized greetings and inclusive language. Negative politeness appears in utterances that minimize imposition or reference general hotel policies. The findings support previous studies but also highlight culturally nuanced practices in Indonesian hotel service encounters. These insights are pedagogically relevant for training hospitality professionals and enhancing intercultural communication.

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INTRODUCTION

Effective communication is a critical element of service excellence within the hospitality sector, as it is directly correlated with guest satisfaction and loyalty. Therefore, Research in hospitality and tourism studies consistently highlights that beyond facilities and price, service quality—particularly how staff interact with guests—significantly determines tourists' overall perceptions of a hotel (Walker, 2020; Liu & Littlewood, 2019). Receptionists are the first point of contact, and their polite and efficient manner reflects the hotel's service culture (Chan & Norani, 2019). Their responsibilities extend beyond basic administrative functions to a wide range of communicative and service-oriented tasks. During the check-in process, for example, receptionists are required to greet and welcome guests, verify reservations, assist with registration forms, and explain payment procedures. They give out room keys, update guest info, and share room status with housekeeping (Purnomo & Tarjana, 2019). Beyond these transactional activities, receptionists are expected to maintain the cleanliness and organization of the front desk,

ensure accurate documentation of daily operations, and manage unexpected guest inquiries or complaints with professionalism and courtesy. Because these duties involve continuous interpersonal interaction, the ability to communicate clearly, politely, and professionally is not only desirable but essential to delivering a positive guest experience and sustaining the hotel's reputation (King & Lee, 2017; Chen, 2018).

Previous studies have highlighted the importance of politeness strategies in enhancing guest satisfaction across different hospitality contexts. For instance, Noorani (2024) identified twelve positive politeness strategies frequently employed by hotel staff and noted that guests place significant value on politeness and professionalism during service interactions. Similarly, Fernández-Amaya (2022) emphasized that personalized service and polite communication—particularly during greetings and offers of assistance—create a welcoming atmosphere that contributes positively to guest experiences. Other scholars such as Spencer-Oatey and Kádár (2021) and Jaworski and Pritchard (2017) have argued that politeness is not merely a linguistic choice but a core dimension of service encounters that shape customer perceptions and loyalty. From an Indonesian perspective, Ernawati et al. (2022) revealed that polite language use by front office staff strongly influences hotel reputation, while Purnomo and Tarjana (2019) demonstrated that pragmatic competence in service English directly impacts professional communication quality in tourism workplaces.

Despite the centrality of these communicative tasks, research shows that many hospitality training programs in non-English-speaking countries, including Indonesia, continue to emphasize technical or linguistic proficiency without sufficiently addressing pragmatic competence (Wardhaugh & Fuller, 2021). This gap is particularly evident in English for Specific Purposes (ESP) courses, where grammar and vocabulary are often prioritized over the sociolinguistic and intercultural dimensions of communication (Hyland, 2019; Basturkmen, 2010). As a result, graduates may possess adequate linguistic knowledge but lack the pragmatic skills required to handle authentic service encounters, such as responding to complaints, offering alternatives, or managing miscommunication in ways that preserve guest satisfaction (Bouzidi, 2009; Liu & Littlewood, 2019). In the context of Surakarta, a city known for its rich cultural heritage and increasing influx of international tourists, this issue becomes especially significant. Receptionists' ability to communicate politely and effectively in English not only facilitates smooth interactions but also reflects the cultural identity and professional image of the hotel. While previous studies have mainly focused on general politeness strategies in global or national hospitality settings, limited research has examined how local cultural norms—such as Javanese concepts of *unggah-ungguh* (etiquette) and *tata krama* (politeness)—intersect with English communication in front office practice. This gap underscores the need for the present study, which investigates the pragmatic dimensions of politeness in hotel receptionist–guest interactions in Surakarta, thereby integrating global insights with local cultural realities.

METHOD

This study employs a qualitative descriptive approach, utilizing Brown and Levinson's (1987) politeness theory as the analytical framework. The focus is on identifying and categorizing the politeness strategies used by hotel receptionists in Surakarta during greetings and offers of assistance.

Data were collected through non-participant observations and audio recordings of interactions between receptionists and guests at two hotels in Surakarta: Lorin Solo Hotel and Kusuma Sahid Prince Hotel. A total of six receptionists (three from each hotel) participated, along with naturally occurring interactions with international guests. The data collection spanned four weeks (mid-February to mid-March 2025), covering both peak and non-peak service hours to ensure a representative dataset. These establishments

were selected due to their frequent hosting of international guests and their reputation for quality service.

The data collection focused on specific communicative acts, including: (1) greetings: e.g., *Good morning, Welcome to Surakarta, How are you today, Mr. Coleman?* and (2) offers of assistance: e.g., *Can I help you with the luggage, Mr. John?, Please go to the room on the second floor, watch your steps.* These expressions were chosen based on their frequency and relevance in the context of hotel reception interactions.

The collected data were transcribed and analysed using a coding system derived from Brown and Levinson's politeness theory. Each utterance was examined to identify the presence of positive and negative politeness strategies. Positive politeness strategies were characterized by expressions that sought to enhance the listener's positive face, such as offering assistance and using inclusive language. Negative politeness strategies were identified by expressions that aimed to minimize imposition and respect the listener's autonomy, such as hedging and using indirect language.

The analysis also considered contextual factors, including the time of day, the status of the guest, and the specific situation (e.g., check-in, check-out), to understand how these elements influenced the choice of politeness strategies. Prior to data collection, permission was obtained from the management of both hotels. Guests were informed about the study and assured of the confidentiality of their interactions. All recordings were anonymized to protect the identities of the participants.

RESULT

Building upon the general findings outlined in the results, a closer examination of specific interactional moments—such as greetings—provides deeper insights into the types of politeness strategies employed by hotel receptionists. Greetings serve as the first point of contact between staff and guests, setting the tone for the overall service experience. Therefore, analyzing the patterns of greetings used by receptionists in Surakarta not only reveals their linguistic choices but also reflects the broader cultural and communicative norms that guide hospitality interactions in the region.

Patterns of Greetings Employed by Hotel Receptionists

The analysis of the data revealed that hotel receptionists in Surakarta predominantly employed positive politeness strategies during greetings. These strategies aimed to enhance the guests' positive face by expressing friendliness, inclusivity, and attentiveness. Examples include: "Good morning, welcome to Surakarta. How may I assist you today?" and "Please let me know if you need any help with your luggage." These expressions demonstrate the receptionists' efforts to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the guests.

In contrast, bald on record strategies, characterized by direct and unambiguous expressions, were also utilized. Examples include: "Please enter the room." and "Watch your steps." These expressions were used in situations where clarity and directness were necessary, such as during check-in or check-out procedures.

To illustrate these findings more concretely, Table 1 presents patterns of greetings employed by hotel receptionists in Surakarta based on the observed interactions. The data highlight the predominance of positive politeness strategies, which emphasize warmth, respect, and attentiveness in guest interactions. These are often employed to establish rapport and convey hospitality, particularly during first encounters such as check-in. In contrast, direct expressions falling under the bald on record strategy were used more sparingly and typically in contexts requiring clarity and efficiency, such as safety instructions or procedural guidance. A small portion of greetings also fell into a neutral category, lacking marked politeness features but still maintaining professional tone.

Table 1. Patterns and Frequency of Greetings Employed by Hotel Receptionists

Greeting Patterns	Frequency (%)
Positive Politeness (e.g., "Good morning, welcome to Surakarta.")	60
Bald on Record (e.g., "Please enter the room.")	30
Other (e.g., neutral greetings)	10

The data in Table 1 clearly indicate that positive politeness is the preferred strategy among hotel receptionists in Surakarta, accounting for 60% of the greetings analyzed. This aligns with the primary goal of receptionists to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for guests upon arrival. The frequent use of phrases such as "Good morning" and "How may I assist you today?" reflects a conscious effort to enhance the guest's positive face by showing interest and offering support. Bald on record strategies, comprising 30% of the data, were typically reserved for time-sensitive or operational moments, where brevity and clarity were prioritized over social embellishment. The remaining 10% consisted of neutral or unmarked greetings, which, while polite, lacked the explicit strategies associated with face-redressive communication. These findings support the view that politeness is not only a linguistic choice but also a functional tool shaped by situational demands in hospitality settings.

Following the analysis of greeting strategies, it is also essential to examine how hotel receptionists offer assistance, as this constitutes a key aspect of guest interaction in the hospitality setting. Offering help is not only a functional necessity but also a strategic act of politeness that contributes to guest satisfaction and comfort. By exploring the patterns used in these exchanges, we gain a clearer understanding of how receptionists navigate the balance between being helpful and respectful of guests' autonomy.

Patterns of Offering Assistance Employed by Hotel Receptionists

When offering assistance, receptionists predominantly employed positive politeness strategies to enhance the guests' positive face. Examples include: "Please let me know if you need any help with your luggage," and "If you need any help, please don't hesitate to ask." These expressions aimed to make the guests feel valued and respected.

Negative politeness strategies were also observed, aiming to minimize imposition and respect the guests' autonomy. An example includes: "Would you like me to assist you with your luggage?" This expression acknowledged the guests' independence and offered assistance without being intrusive.

To illustrate these findings more concretely, Table 2 presents patterns of offering assistance employed by hotel receptionists in Surakarta. These patterns reflect how receptionists strategically tailor their language to maintain politeness and ensure guest comfort during service encounters. The distribution highlights the prominence of positive politeness strategies, while also acknowledging the role of negative politeness in more sensitive or formal interactions.

Table 2. Patterns and Frequency of Offering Assistance Employed by Hotel Receptionists

Assistance Offering Patterns	Frequency (%)
Positive Politeness (e.g., "Please let me know if you need any help with your luggage.")	65
Negative Politeness (e.g., "Would you like me to assist you with your luggage?")	25
Other (e.g., direct offers)	10

The data in Table 2 indicate that hotel receptionists in Surakarta overwhelmingly favored positive politeness strategies (65%) when offering assistance, suggesting a strong emphasis on creating a warm, accommodating environment for guests. This aligns with

the hospitality industry's goal of making guests feel valued, supported, and at ease. The frequent use of expressions such as "Please let me know if you need any help with your luggage" not only conveys helpfulness but also reinforces a sense of shared purpose and friendliness. Meanwhile, the use of negative politeness strategies (25%)—such as "Would you like me to assist you with your luggage?"—demonstrates sensitivity to the guest's autonomy, providing options rather than imposing help. The remaining 10% categorized as "Other" likely reflect more neutral or situationally driven expressions that fall outside these dominant patterns. Overall, the findings highlight that politeness is not only a linguistic choice but also a strategic tool that receptionists use to enhance guest satisfaction and project professionalism.

To further elaborate on the findings, the study categorizes the specific types of positive politeness strategies most frequently employed by hotel receptionists. These strategies are crucial in establishing rapport, building trust, and fostering a welcoming environment. Analyzing their frequency and forms helps to highlight the deliberate communicative efforts receptionists make to affirm the guests' sense of inclusion and appreciation.

Positive Politeness Strategies Employed by Hotel Receptionists

The analysis identified several positive politeness strategies employed by hotel receptionists, including: (1) offering assistance: "Please let me know if you need any help with your luggage.", (2) using inclusive language: "How may I assist you today?", and (3) expressing enthusiasm: "Welcome to Surakarta!". These strategies aimed to enhance the guests' positive face by expressing friendliness, inclusivity, and attentiveness.

To illustrate these findings more concretely, Table 3 presents positive politeness strategies employed by hotel receptionists during interactions with guests. These strategies reflect efforts to build rapport, demonstrate attentiveness, and create a welcoming environment. By analyzing the language choices made by receptionists, the table highlights how positive politeness is strategically used to align with guests' expectations and foster a sense of comfort and hospitality.

Table 3. Frequency of Positive Politeness Strategies Employed by Hotel Receptionists

Positive Politeness Strategies	Frequency (%)
Offering assistance	40
Using inclusive language	35
Expressing enthusiasm	25

The data in Table 3 demonstrates that offering assistance was the most frequently used positive politeness strategy, accounting for 40% of observed interactions. This suggests that receptionists prioritize ensuring guests feel supported and attended to, which is crucial during check-in and other service encounters. The use of inclusive language (35%) further indicates a strong emphasis on creating a collaborative and guest-centered atmosphere, where phrases like "How may I assist you today?" reinforce the idea of shared interaction. Meanwhile, expressing enthusiasm (25%) through warm greetings and welcoming remarks serves to establish a friendly tone from the outset. Collectively, these strategies show how positive politeness plays a vital role in building a hospitable and professional image in hotel reception settings.

In contrast to the more expressive nature of positive politeness, the use of negative politeness strategies reflects a subtler approach to interaction, emphasizing respect for personal space and guest autonomy. Although less frequently employed, these strategies play a vital role in ensuring that assistance is offered without appearing overbearing. Examining their usage provides a more nuanced picture of how politeness is adapted to suit different interpersonal dynamics in hotel settings.

Negative Politeness Strategies Employed by Hotel Receptionists

Negative politeness strategies were less frequently observed but were employed to minimize imposition and respect the guests' autonomy. Examples include: "Would you like me to assist you with your luggage?" and "If you need any help, please don't hesitate to ask." These expressions acknowledged the guests' independence and offered assistance without being intrusive.

To illustrate these findings more concretely, Table 4 presents negative politeness strategies employed by hotel receptionists during interactions with guests. These strategies were used in situations where receptionists needed to offer help or convey requests while maintaining respect for the guests' personal space and autonomy. The examples reflect the use of indirectness, hedging, and softening expressions to avoid sounding forceful or intrusive, aligning with the core aim of negative politeness—to minimize imposition.

Table 4. Frequency of Negative Politeness Strategies Employed by Hotel Receptionists

Negative Politeness Strategies	Frequency (%)
Hedging	50
Indirect requests	30
Apologizing	20

The data presented in Table 4 reveal that negative politeness strategies were less frequently used compared to positive politeness strategies, but still played a significant role in receptionist interactions. Among the negative politeness strategies, hedging was the most common, comprising 50% of the total instances. This reflects the receptionists' efforts to soften their language and avoid direct imposition on the guests. Indirect requests, accounting for 30%, were also frequently observed, as receptionists used phrases like "Would you like me to assist you?" to offer help without pressuring the guest. Apologizing, though less frequent (20%), was employed as a strategy to express deference or to soften any potential inconvenience caused to the guest. These findings suggest that while positive politeness remains the dominant strategy, negative politeness plays an important role in ensuring that the guests' autonomy is respected and that service interactions remain courteous and non-intrusive.

In summary, the study reveals that hotel receptionists in Surakarta predominantly rely on positive politeness strategies to create a welcoming and supportive environment for guests, particularly through greetings and offers of assistance. These strategies, characterized by warmth, inclusivity, and attentiveness, play a crucial role in enhancing guest satisfaction and fostering positive interpersonal relationships. While negative politeness and bald on record strategies are used more selectively, their presence indicates a pragmatic approach to communication, where clarity, respect for autonomy, and situational appropriateness are also valued. Collectively, the findings underscore the importance of strategic language use in the hospitality industry and reflect the cultural and professional norms that shape service interactions in Surakarta.

The analysis revealed that hotel receptionists predominantly employed positive politeness strategies during greetings and offers of assistance. Expressions such as *Good morning, welcome to Surakarta* and *Can I help you with the luggage, Mr. Aveling?* reflected attempts to build rapport and create a friendly atmosphere. Meanwhile, negative politeness strategies, though less frequent, were also identified, particularly in situations that required respect for guest autonomy, such as using hedging (*Would you like me to...?*) or indirect forms. These patterns suggest that positive politeness is the dominant approach in maintaining guest satisfaction, while negative politeness strategies are selectively used in contexts demanding higher deference.

However, this study also identified some unique aspects. Notably, bald on record strategies appeared more frequently than in some previous studies. These may be

explained by situational demands where clarity and efficiency are prioritized—such as providing directions, handling check-in procedures, or addressing urgent guest needs. In contrast, off-record strategies were almost absent. This absence may be due to the professional expectations placed upon receptionists to avoid ambiguity; international guests could misinterpret indirect hints and potentially lead to dissatisfaction. Similarly, the limited use of bald on record strategies outside urgent contexts suggests that receptionists carefully balance directness with politeness to maintain a professional yet hospitable atmosphere.

DISCUSSION

This study aimed to analyse the politeness strategies employed by hotel receptionists in Surakarta, focusing on greetings and offers of assistance. The findings revealed a predominant use of positive politeness strategies, with notable instances of bald on record expressions. These patterns align with Brown and Levinson's (1987) politeness theory, which categorizes strategies based on the desire to enhance or protect the interlocutor's face.

Brown and Levinson's framework posits that speakers choose strategies to mitigate face-threatening acts (FTAs), balancing between positive and negative face needs. In this context, the receptionists' use of positive politeness strategies, such as inclusive language and offering assistance, serves to enhance the guests' positive face, fostering a sense of camaraderie and respect. For example, personalized greetings such as "*Welcome back, Sir, may I assist you with your luggage?*" not only reduce the imposition of service encounters but also strengthen rapport. This resonates with Spencer-Oatey's (2008) concept of *rapport management*, where maintaining harmony and avoiding offense are central to service communication.

These findings align with previous research in similar contexts. Dewi et al. (2020) found that receptionists at Puri Bagus Hotel relied heavily on positive politeness strategies to foster guest satisfaction. Likewise, Priya et al. (2024) highlighted the significance of positive politeness in the hospitality industry. Beyond Indonesia, Holmes (2013) demonstrated similar patterns in workplace interactions in New Zealand, reinforcing the universality of politeness in professional service encounters. The consistency across these studies underscores the robustness of politeness strategies in hotel settings. In contrast, the present study adds nuance by showing how negative politeness emerges in specific contexts, such as check-ins with high-status guests.

While the findings largely corroborate prior studies, certain distinctive patterns also emerged in the Surakarta context. This study identified a higher frequency of bald on record strategies compared to previous research. This discrepancy may be attributed to cultural differences in communication styles, as well as the specific context of Surakarta, where directness in communication is valued in certain situations. Such variations echo Watts' (2003) view that politeness must be understood as a socio-cultural construct rather than a universal constant, thereby underscoring the importance of context in analysing politeness strategies in hospitality settings.

The findings underscore the significance of politeness strategies in enhancing guest satisfaction and fostering positive interactions. Receptionists' use of positive politeness strategies, such as personalized greetings and empathetic offers of assistance, contributes to a welcoming atmosphere, making guests feel valued and respected. The strategic use of bald on record expressions ensures clarity and efficiency, particularly during check-in and check-out procedures. As Culpeper (2011) cautions, however, directness carries the risk of being perceived as impoliteness if not mitigated by contextual cues, suggesting that training programs should sensitize staff to the fine balance between clarity and face management.

Integrating these insights into training programs for hotel staff can enhance communication skills, leading to improved guest experiences and satisfaction. Beyond

professional training, these insights also offer implications for English for Specific Purposes (ESP) curricula in tourism education. Embedding pragmatic competence and politeness awareness into classroom activities can better prepare students for authentic service encounters, bridging the gap between theoretical language knowledge and workplace expectations.

In conclusion, this study provides valuable insights into the application of politeness strategies in hotel reception interactions in Surakarta. The alignment with Brown and Levinson's politeness theory, coupled with comparisons to previous studies, highlights the dynamic interplay between linguistic strategies and cultural contexts in shaping service encounters. Future research could explore the impact of these strategies on guest loyalty and the role of training programs and ESP curricula in enhancing the effectiveness of politeness strategies in hospitality settings.

CONCLUSION

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Brown and Levinson's framework posits that speakers select strategies to mitigate face-threatening acts (FTAs), balancing between positive and negative face needs. In this study, the receptionists' use of positive politeness strategies—such as inclusive language, personalized greetings, and offering assistance—enhanced the guests' positive face by fostering respect and rapport. The occasional use of bald on record strategies, characterized by directness and clarity, is consistent with situations where efficiency and task completion are prioritized, and the risk of threatening face is minimal.

These findings resonate with earlier research in hospitality contexts. Dewi et al. (2020) demonstrated that receptionists at Puri Bagus Hotel relied predominantly on positive politeness to foster guest satisfaction. Similarly, Priya et al. (2024) emphasized the significance of positive politeness in shaping service encounters. The consistency across these studies underscores the universality of politeness strategies in hotel reception interactions. In contrast, the present study adds nuance by showing that negative politeness strategies emerge in specific contexts, such as check-in with high-status guests.

However, the higher frequency of bald on record strategies identified in this study contrasts with much of the existing literature. This discrepancy may reflect cultural preferences in Surakarta, where directness in communication is sometimes valued for its clarity and efficiency. Such variations illustrate that politeness strategies cannot be fully understood without considering the cultural and situational contexts in which they are employed.

The findings underscore the role of politeness strategies in enhancing guest satisfaction and shaping the quality of service encounters. Positive politeness strategies—through empathy, friendliness, and personalized attention—create a welcoming atmosphere that makes guests feel valued. Meanwhile, the strategic use of bald on record expressions ensures clarity and avoids miscommunication during transactional moments such as check-in and check-out.

These insights have practical implications for staff training in the hospitality industry. Communication training that emphasizes context-sensitive use of politeness strategies could enhance service quality, particularly when catering to diverse international guests with varying cultural expectations. By developing sensitivity to both positive and negative politeness cues, hotel staff can adapt their communication styles more effectively, thereby improving guest experiences and satisfaction.

In conclusion, this study contributes to the understanding of politeness strategies in hospitality by situating them within both linguistic theory and local cultural practices. While the findings align with Brown and Levinson's framework, they also highlight the importance of contextual variation in communication styles. Future research could investigate the impact of these strategies on guest loyalty or examine the role of pragmatic training programs in equipping hotel staff with effective communicative skills.

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