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Abstract

The purpose study slangs that used by the characters of Ted movie is to make the people understand about story of movie. However, not all language in the movie using slang. This phenomenon to be cause because the slang is only particular group can understand the meaning of slang words. This brings to the purposes of the research which aims are to analyze the form of slang using theory by Fromkin, Rodman and Hyams (2007), contexts to influence meaning of slang, as proposed by Jones (2012), and also type of slang by Allan and Burridge (2006). The result of the study is that the characters of the movie use slang in some forms such as adjective, noun, and verb. The slang has meaning based on the context of the dialogue which is used by the characters as the speakers. The writer analyzed 50 of slangs which is used by the characters as the speakers in the movie. Based on the type of slang, the slang words which are used in the Ted movie consist of the type of fresh and creative slang, the type of flippant slang, the type of imitative slang, the type of clipping slang, and the type of acronym slang. In this analysis, the writer uses qualitative method. All of the findings and analysis will be discussed in this thesis.

Keywords : *Form Slang, Meaning Slang, Type Slang, Ted Movie*

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problem

Language is a very important thing in human life, in this case directly related to its function as a major tool in verbal communication. In everyday usage, the language experienced a lot of growth. It can be caused by internal factors of the speaker itself or the influence of the environment and the development of the times. In using the language, human beings face many aspects concerned with language in use. Language can be used in formal and informal situations. People usually use formal language or standard language in formal context, while in informal context people usually use informal one.

Slang is one of them informal language. One language development is now happening is the emergence of the phenomenon of slang. Slang emergence is triggered by a factor of many social groups that have sprung up in the community. Slang formerly often used by criminal groups, are now widely used by social groups in society. Slang has a certain and unique meaning and form which cannot be known by public. The form and type are created by in a certain way (Allan and Brurridge, 2006). It means that slang has type, form, and meaning which should be studied in order to understand the slang since the meaning is not denotative. Informal language like being used by movie has slangs with form, type, and meaning which cannot be understood literally, but contextually.

Movies become familiar in people life today. Entertainment has developed much. It is online and offline media for the people for entertainment, get inspiration, news about new things, knowledge, and cultures. In the movies, people can get historical values, ideas, knowledges, and many other things. By watching movies the audiences can feel enjoyable, and learn to understanding. By watching movies the audiences may understand the plot, setting, dialogue, and subtitle of the movie. To enjoy it, the spectators need to understand the uses slang because movie tends to use informal language, slang. A movie on which the characters use slang is Ted movie.

Ted is an American comedy, romance and funny film directed by Seth MacFarlane. This movie tells about story of John Bennett is a lonely child living in Norwood, MA, a Suburb of Boston, who wished for his new Christmas gift a large teddy bear named Ted to come to life and become his friend. The wish coincides with a shooting star and comes true; word spread and Ted was briefly a celebrity. In this movies there are some words that can't understand by common people. Compared to other movies, Ted has a comedy film. Language on conversation in this movie which is used by its actors especially on the meaning and form of slang. The form and meaning are different from those movies.

In the other movies also have slang words. For example are "*Where the fuck are they?*" Means ("Machete Kills"). The forms of slang *fuck* derived from words or vocabularies which swear-word/taboo. Meaning of the slang does not change – from negative sense to negative sense or positive sense to positive sense. Slang on Machete Kills movies keep the same sense. Two words are different but

the slang means swearing. The meaning (sense) does not change, and also have the same meaning on the movie.

On *Ted* movie, some of the slang (meaning) can change to be positive. Ted's slang not only by using good words (positive sense), but also using bad or taboo words (negative sense) as well. Most of slang forms are derived from taboo words. It is mean, the negative sense can change its to be positive in meaning.

For example:

Teddy : Merry Christmas, everybody!

(John's Dad scrambles to his feet, knocking plates off the table. John's mom screams).

John's Dad : ***Jesus H. Fuck***

Teddy : Let's all be best friend!

John's Mom : Oh my God...

Dialogue above tell about Teddy bear alive caused John wish need a friend forever and ever. Slang on the given example is “***Jesus H. Fuck***”. It is formed by using taboo word “*Jesus H. Fuck*”. The form is negative in sense, but meaning is positive in sense. Its meaning in the context is “*wonderful*”. Most of slang in *Ted* movie are derived from bad or taboo words, but its meanings change to be good words.

On *Ted* movie slangs have unique form, meaning, and type. The uniqueness of the type, form, and meaning of slang on *Ted* may make people misunderstand after watching this movie, if they do not know the type, form, and meaning. That's why it is the reason which makes the writer interested in doing this research on the form, meaning, and type of the slang on *Ted* movie.

1.2 Identification and Limitation of the Problem

In this part, the writer deals with slang language which is used in *Ted* dialogues. There are several aspects which can be studied. The aspects for example are form of slang and meaning, the reason why the users use slang, the difference between of slang on other movies. Focus of study in research is on form and meaning of the slang used on *Ted* actors only. The study is limited to the focus. All dialogue on *Ted* are studied.

Slang has from which can be in the form of the word and phrase (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/slang>). It can be noun, adjective, and verb. Derived from swear words and from common words. Meaning of slang can be various which can be known to the context. Context influences. This research will study the form and meaning of the slang on *Ted* movie.

1.3 Formulation of the Problem

Based on identification and focus of the study in this research that is on the form and meaning of slang on *Ted* movie. The problem of this research analysis formulated as follows:

1. What are the forms of slangs used by characters in *Ted* movie?
2. What are the meaning of slang used by the characters in *Ted* movie?
3. What are the types of slangs used by the characters in *Ted* movie?

1.4 Purpose of the Research

Concerning the research question above, the objectives of the analysis as follows:

1. To analyze the forms of slang used by the characters in *Ted* movie
2. To analyze the meaning of slang used by the characters in *Ted* movie.
3. To analyze the types of slang used by the characters in *Ted* movie.

1.5 Significance of the Research

The writer expects that the result of this research can give a contribution to linguistics field especially in sociolinguistics. Furthermore, this research is hoped to be able to develop the knowledge whether for the readers or writers itself. This study also would help readers to understand about slang language, especially slang on *Ted* movie. The writer also expects this research can be used as refernce for further researchers.