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Abstract

Last.fm is online music catalogue with free music streaming, videos, photos, lyrics, charts, artist biographies, concerts, and internet. Object of this research is slang that used by Last.fm users. It focuses on type and meaning of slang. Purpose of this research are to describe type and meaning that occur in the Last.fm. On the findings, the writer found one type of slang- slang words (*noun, verb, and adjective*). Meanwhile in meaning discussion limited only on connotative meaning. Methode that used in this is *comparative*. The data are taken from *Last.fm* (www.last.fm.com) ; *scrobble, home, library, neighbour, dan profil*. Result of the research shows that forms and meanings have different and unique meaning from ordinary slang that created by Last.fm users itself. Type of slang consisted of music, lifestyle and fashion.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problem

Nowadays language has growing rapidly than a few years ago. Language is a system of human communication. By this system people get the function and purpose of the speaking that is communication. It means languages have a big influence in many factor, like in the community and social groups. It also influenced by many factors, such as background knowledge, age of the speaker, lifestyle, and other things related. From external factors that influence language use, such as setting of the place purpose, topic and atmosphere of situation that bring conversation began.

Furthermore, language variation is part of the language. Today people using many new ways to express their feeling as variation and art of speaking. Slang is one of the language variation that commonly use. Groups of people may have use slang and create different meaning. According to Partridge (2003: 49), meaning of slang is based on context. It cannot be analyzed by using common dictionary; it must be taken by real sources. The word slang is only known by the group itself. Based on the explanation above, the information will be easy to get from the people in a short period. People will

understood about the purpose or meaning when they read it, from the example how people share something in social life.

In addition, Music network, *Last.fm* is one of website music online most trusted music recommendation, music network, music chart, band/music promotion, and most use for people nowadays. It makes *Last.fm* different from other social networks such as, Facebook, Twitter, VK or even My Space. Last.fm uses an informal style, the user usually use the language based on the trend and how the user are interest when they read the style of language that used in last.fm. Last.fm language is purposed to open public member and user. *Last.fm* uses the simple and difficult words to express and show the expression. So, the words used in last.fm style need to classified more.

So, the writer is interested in explaining about the slang word used by user in last.fm. The writer thinks that the words that appear come from different meaning with the real one. It makes the words more interesting, and up to date according to their perspective. The writer focused to explain slang word in last.fm. Besides that the language makes people know how to communicate one another.

One of the Last.fm style can be seen as follow:

1. Jamie: Wow, that's cool *library*, thanks for the add man!

(<http://www.last.fm/home.com>)

From the example above, the word “*Library*” is formal language. It usually uses for the place for keep a book or a place to read something. It has different meaning with Standard English meaning (literal meaning). The real meaning of the word “library” is a place. But in this context the word expresses with music library. Jamie wants to say thanks to the user that he already add Jamie as his friend. From the explanation, this is the nice language style and the word makes the conversation closer.

1.2 Identification and Limitation of the Problem

Language variation depending on the theme, target, readers and many other related things. The writer talks about language style and connecting with language variation. As site as Hudson (1983) stated that “a variety of language as a set of linguistics items with similar social distribution” (24). The writer conclude that language variation have formal and informal style. In this section, the writer found that slang word that used by users only an informal style.

In general language style has many topics to discuss. Jargon, colloquial, but the writer focused on analyzing slang language in the last.fm. The writer analyzes words and meaning of slang used in *last.fm*. It focuses on conversation between the user only. All the terms of Last.fm (Library, scrobber and neighbour) will be uses as reference only.

1.3 Formulation of the Problem

From the problems identified, the writer will formulate those into some questions as follow:

1. What are the slang words used in the Last.fm?
2. What are the meaning of the slang words used by the users of Last.fm?
3. What are the type of slang that found in the Last.fm?

1.4 Purpose of the Research

There are two purposes of this research:

1. To describe the slang words found in the Last.fm.
2. To explain the meaning of the slang word used in the Last.fm.
3. To describe the type of slang in the Last.fm.

1.5 Significance of the Research

This analysis is presented to the people and make the people interesting to analyze the slang words in Last.fm. When the writer looks in last.fm, the writer can find many slang words and other related linguistics field in there. The finding of the research can help everyone to understand about slang words and similar subjects in the last.fm. In the future study the writer hope this thesis will give more references,

additional information and other aspect that related in academic or related field. With a great hope, people are interesting in studying or analyzing the aspects but different elements or categories might be able to this analysis as one of their resources, especially in linguistics and music field.