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## **Abstract**

This study focused on slang language used by the actors in the American Pie Movies. Slang is used for a very informal speech variety which often serves as an in group language such as teenagers, adult, army, pop group, etc. (Richard, J. et al., 1985). The purpose of the research is to describe forms, type, and meaning of slang language used in the American Pie Movie. The method used in this study was the qualitative method. Data were collected from the scripts of the movie. From the data analysis, the writer found there were two forms of slang language used in terms of word and phrase, then there were two types of slang namely teenager slang and sex slang, and the meaning of slang not to express the negative ideas or rude words but in order to say something in other words and in different ways as varieties used by society. After that, slang also gives evidence that there is another way for people to make their communication more entertain and interesting. The types of slang can be urban slang, sex, and teenage slang.

**Key word: slang, informal language, style**

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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Problem

Human prefers use language to communicate with others. Human as member of society cannot be separated with language. Wardaugh, R (1998: 9) said that language is what the members of a particular society speak. Meanwhile, society is any group of people who are drawn together for a certain purpose. In communication, people are tendency using varieties of language style. In society human have variation of language to communicate with other, while sometime they mix and switch their language as long as the process of communication happened. The other variation way that people used to make their language more interesting than switch or mix their language is slang language. Slang is more famous in some society in this day while slang are often express of some type of entertaining wordplay, and they are almost always alternative way of saying something.

Commonly, slang as one of language styles belong to more information language that mostly used by youth. Slang also founded in informal situation which language that is used with friends, and mostly used by teenagers or young people. Slang expressions have come and gone ever the year, same return but other never do. But sometimes, there are also persistent and survive over long periods of time. O'Grady (1997: 521) explain slang as follows:

**Table 1.1**  
**Background of the Problem**

Slang	Meaning	Source
Sucky	Awful	Suck
Mazehette	Gergous girl	Mazeh
Gork	Nerd	Geek+dork
Eas	All right	Casual
T.F.A.	Great	Totally Fucking Awesome
Fake-bake	Tanning salon	Fake+bake

Slang is not really paying attention to pronunciation, choice of words, and also structure. It is not compactly word; they are changing the spelling become short and modification of word. Then, slang mostly used by youth, slang expression have come and gone ever the year, same return but sometimes never do. The important of all, every words of slang change the meaning, it is depend on how, when, where, and by whom it used. Slang can be found in the script of movie, some of movie is often use slang to express the character's feeling with some of new words that not exist in dictionary. In this thesis the writer wants to search and analyze slang in American Pie movie. Here, the writer found the types of slang and form of slang, because the writer found some type and form of slang in the American Pie Movie.

This data was taken on internet resource ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American\\_Pie\\_series](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Pie_series)) while American Pie is a series of teen films conceived by Adam Herz. The first film in the series was released on July 9th, 1999, by Universal Pictures, and became a worldwide pop culture phenomenon, spawning three direct sequels. The second and third films were released at two-year intervals, whereas the fourth film was released in 2012. From 2005 to 2009, four spin-off films were released.

Furthermore, a ninth feature film has been announced in response to the success of the eighth film. The original series, produced on a total budget of US\$145 million, has grossed \$989 million worldwide. The spin-off films were released direct-to-video. The series has developed a cult following. Critics have given the original trilogy mixed reviews, and overlooked the spin-off series. The series has been released on DVD.

Therefore, the entertainment has developed. It is an offline and online media for the people for entertainment, get inspiration, learn new things, culture, and knowledge. In the movies, people can get the historical values, ideas, knowledge, and many things, by watching movies the audience can begin to feel, enjoy, and learn understanding. The audience may understand by watching the plot, setting, dialogue.

Slang can be found in American Pie script movie. American Pie movie's dialog often arise sentence that contain Slang word. People often do not understand what mean that contain in Slang word, this phenomenon that make writer interest to analyze slang in American Pie movie especially Slang word.

Slang on the given example based on American Pie Film, as a follow:

1. "Kevin and Jim are drinking beers. Around them, students mingle and flirt.

CHUCK SHERMAN comes up."

SHERMAN : What's up, **fellas**?

JIM : Hey Sherman. Scopin' the babes.

The conversation is between Sherman and Jim. Both of them are teenager. Conversation starts while Kevin and Jim are drinking beers in the night club. Sherman come up and say "*what's up fellas?*", then Jim answer "*hey*

*Sherman, scopin' the babes*". In this conversation word that say by Sherman "*fellas*" is a teenage slang, because both of them that know the meaning of "*fellas*". Meaning "*fellas*" can be categorized into denotative that means a real meaning. The meaning of "*fellas*" based on the movie context is a "*best friend*" where in the night club Kevin and Jim waiting for Sherman to enjoy the party and that word include to epistemic context. Those are the uniqueness of slang on American Pie movie is unique in forms and meaning.

Then, the uniqueness of the form and meaning of slang on American Pie movie may make new users or people misunderstand each other if they do not know the form and the meaning. Due to the uniqueness, the slang on American Pie movie needs to be studied scientifically in order to be able to understand the form and meaning of the slang. That the reason which makes the writer feels very interested to do research on the form and the meaning of the slang on American Pie movie.

## **1.2 Identification and Limitation of the Problem**

There some aspect that can be analyze from American pie movie script, such as character, or plot, and setting in the literature side. And then, in linguistic, the writer can analyze implied meaning, figurative, swear word, and slang. But, in this research the writer focus on analyze slang language. It deals with slang language which is used in American Pie movie Script and in this research the writers want to found the form and types of slang used in American Pie movie Script. The writer wants to analyze what kind of types and form slang that appear in this data.

### **1.3 Formulation of the Problem**

Based on the identification and focus of study in this research that is on the form and formulated in research questions as follow:

1. What are the types of slang used in dialogues on Script of American Pie movie?
2. What are the forms and meaning of slang word on Script of American Pie movie?

### **1.4 Purpose of the Research**

Based on explanation above, there are two purposes of this research:

1. To describe the types of slang used by Scrip of American Pie movie actors.
2. To describe the forms and meaning of the slang used by script of American Pie movie actors.

### **1.5 Significant of the Research**

The writer expects that the result of this research can give a contribution to linguistic field especially sociolinguistic field. Furthermore, the writer hopes that this research is able to develop the knowledge whether for the readers or the writer itself. This research also would help the reader to understand about slang language, especially slang on Script of American Pie movie. The writer also expects that this research can be used as reference for further research and continue to analyze slang language in other source, because there are more interesting thing that can be analyze about slang that cannot the writer explain.