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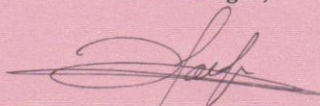
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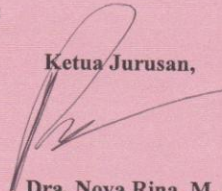
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## ABSTRACT

Slang is a part of language that have an interesting way to express the feeling and uniqueness style that happen in the daily life. This thesis is discussing the form and meaning of slang in “*How High*” movie. This research focuses on the use of slang by the actors in the “*How High*” movie. The purpose of the research is to describe forms and meaning of slang in the movie. This research used substitution method where data were collected from the script of the movie. Slang commonly uses linguistics context which contains different meaning from the original words. The data are analyze with Patridge theory about the using of language style and how to analyze the meaning from the slang itself. The actors create the slang with their own lifestyle and uniqueness from something weird, rude, dirty and other possibility becoming another way to communicate. The slang is created with no rule of grammatical aspect. It created with creativity, social life, and life stlye of the community. Based on the analysis, it is found that there are two forms of slang; word and phrase. The meanings of slang are contextual meaning in other words the meaning of slang is based on the context.

Keyword : Slang, Context, word, phrase, meaning, Movie.

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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Problem

The movie is a manifestation of the development of the cultural life of the people of their time. From time to time, the movie had been developed both in terms of technology used and the theme. This is due to the movie develops in line with the cultural elements that lie behind them, including the development of language. In the movies, people can get new knowledge about social life in other places even countries, learn the new things, cultures, historical values and so on. By watching movies the audience can begin to know and to learn understanding everything, especially about the language. The audience may start by reading or hearing the conversation in the movie, and when they feel interested, they can start to share, socialize, and communicate to each other.

One of movies which is much use informal language is *How High* movie. *How High* movie mostly uses an informal style of language especially slang words to express and show the expression. The uniqueness of slang language on *How High* movie may make some people do not understand what the actor/actrees mean in the dialogue of the movie because the words slang is different from the standard meaning. So, the language used in *How High* movie need to classified more. The informal language usually uses a uniqueness words in the style. In *How High* movie actors create forms of slang not only by using good words (positive sense), but by using bad or taboo words (negative sense) as well. Some of slang forms are derived from bad or

taboo words. Uniquely, the negative sense of the slang (taboo word) can change its sense to be positive in meaning.

So, the writer interested in explaining about the language style in the movie. The writer thinks the language style used a different meaning with the original. It makes the words more interesting and unique when some people read or hear the conversation. The writer focused to explain the language style in *How High* movie. Beside that the language makes people know how to use language style in the daily conversation. The writer can see some languages in the movie which make interesting.

One of the language styles in *How High* movie can be seen as follow:

Jamal : “yo! This is the **shit**”.

Silas : “That shit is called ivory”.

From the conversation above, the word “*shit*” is informal language (negative sense), It has different meaning with Standard English meaning. The real meaning of the word “*shit*” is dirty word. The word “*shit*” refers to cannabis which Jamal smoke, because he points to the cannabis when he says “*yo! This is the shit*”. It uses among friends or closely relatives, the speaker (Jamal) talks to his friend (Silas). But in this conversation its word expresses to kind of good cannabis which has name Ivory, it can be proofed from the previous conversation when Jamal says “*Ooh, Ivory! My, how you've grown! [Sniffs] Wow! Damn, Ivory! I had no idea you could stink so good, nigga!*”. The slang in *How High* 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 *How High* movie.

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

There are many aspects that can be analyzed from phenomenon of languages such as formal and informal language , its meaning, the reason why the speaker uses slang, the difference between of slang on other movie or in other place or country, and so on. The problem of this research focus on slang language which is used in *How High* movie.

The writer chooses *How High* movie because there are so many interesting slang words that can be analyzed. It can be noun, adjective, and verb. It can swear words (dirty words) and common words (not dirty/bad words). Meaning of slang can be various which can be known to the context and the writer only focuses on the slang language style in *How High* movie.

## **1.3 Formulation of the Problem**

The writer formulated the problem of this research as follow:

- 1.What are the forms of slang used by the actors in *How High* movie?
- 2.What are the meanings of slang used by the actors in *How High* movie?

## **1.4 Purpose of the Research**

There are two purposes of this research:

- 1.To identify the forms of slang as used in *How High* movie.
- 2.To identify the meanings of slang as used in the *How High* movie.

## **1.5 Significance of the Research**

The writer hopes that this research will give contribution to readers who are interested in studying language style, especially slang to know the using of language style in application. The writer expects the research will be useful for anyone. Furthermore, the writer hopes this research can increase the knowledge both the reader and writer.