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ABSTRACT

This study analyzes the slang word used in Season 1 of the Netflix series *Never Have I Ever* Season 1. The writer applied qualitative descriptive approaches to analyze the data. This study uses Mattiello's theory in examining the word formation processes and divides social functions of slang words into six interconnected categories. The purpose of this study is to identify and categorize slang words based on their word formation processes and social functions. The writer found 53 slang words used by the character in the Netflix series *Never Have I Ever*. The writer identified seven distinct processes out of 16 word formation processes from Mattiello's theory: 7 instances of compounding, 10 instances of clipping, 4 instances of acronym or abbreviation, 27 instances of semantic shift, 1 instance of reduplicative formation, 1 instance of variation, 1 instance of prefixation, and 2 instances of fanciful formation. In this study, the writer also categorized slang words into their social functions, that 8 terms serve the function of group identity, 10 for in-group communication, 2 for group solidarity, 15 for expressing attitudes and emotions, 6 for rebellion and resistance, and 12 for creativity and innovation. This research contributes to a deeper understanding of how contemporary slang operates within specific media contexts.

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