

Slang Word in Song Lyrics by “Billie Eilish on When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? Album”

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ABSTRACT

This research is aimed to analyse the slang used in the song lyrics by Billie Eilish in an album. Problems raised in this research are: (1) What kinds of Slang Words used in Billie Eilish on *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? Album* (2) What is the most dominant type of Slang Words in Billie Eilish on *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? Album*. This research used Yule's theory (2010) about types of Slang Words. The method used in this research is qualitative method. Content analysis was applied in this research. The data were the album entitled *When We All Fall Asleep, Where di We Go?* After conducting the data analysis, the researchers found six types of Slang Words in lyrics of Billie Eilish they are: Coinage, Borrowing, Compounding, Blending, Clipping, Derivation. The data were collected by listening to 13 songs by Billie Eilish and reading the lyrics of the songs. There were 159 Slang Words, 21 Slang Coinage, 1 Slang of Borrowing, 1 Slang of Compounding, 102 Slang of Blending, 30 Slang of Clipping, 4 Slang of Derivation. So, Slang Words is something good to learn.

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INTRODUCTION

Language is a tool used by social beings to communicate with one another. Language is used to make a communication. Language is also a mirror of the mind, through language we can understand what is in the brain of a human being (Butarbutar, Sinurat, Herman, and Purba, 2020). Then, Herman (2016:1) explained language is tools in communication, it is used by people to express their thoughts, feelings, ideas, and experiences toward others. It means that, language is tool to deliver the information to the others which can be expressed in spoken or written form through communication (Sinaga, Herman and Siahaan, 2020; Pasaribu, Herman, and Hutahaeon, 2020). From the definitions above, it can be concluded that language is a tool used by people to form a good communication, whether written or oral.

According to Newstrom & Davis as cited in Sharma (2017:259), communication is the transfer of information form one person to another. It is a way of reaching others by transmitting ideas, feelings, thoughts, facts and values. Then Megginson in Sharma (2017:259) explained that communication is the process of transmitting meanings, ideas and understanding of a person or a group to another person or group (Purba et al, 2019; Sinaga et al, 2020). From the definitions above the researchers conclude that communication is a relationship or interaction between 1-2 people or a group of people in a direct society who share information that can be understood by both parties. Most of the language used to communicate and it also happens in social context. The study which has relationship between language and human is called sociolinguistics.

Sociolinguistics is one of branch of linguistic that focuses on the study of language in relation to society. Sociolinguistics is also studied of how people use language in their everyday lives and also study of the effect of various all aspects to society, including culture, norms, and context on the language use (Hudson, 1996:4 as cited in Seprina and Anwar 2018:4; Togatotop et al, 2019; Herman et al, 2019).

Sociolinguistics also investigate the relationship between language and society with the goal of a better understanding of the structure of language function. It means that in sociolinguistic people learn about the way of social structure influence how people talk and how language varieties and pattern of use correlate with social attributes such as class, sex and age (Puspitorini, 2019:102; Samosir et al, 2020; Manik et al, 2020). Holmes (1992) in Herman et al (2018) said that sociolinguistic is the study of relationship language and society. In social relationship, language is used by someone to represent who they are, it relates with strong identity of a certain social group and it is represented by slang.

According to Partridge (1950:69) in Seprina and Anwar (2018:4), slang language is mainly spoken form, which is used in social milieus and popular media, and to certain extent, it is used in song lyrics and publication. Slang language also called spoken language, this is because the slang vocabulary is always changeable, temporal, and usually used by young groups (Chaer and Agustina, 2010:67 as cited in Yohanes and Benany, 2019:98; Purba et al, 2019). It can be concluded that slang itself is a non-standard language that has a periodic character which is usually used by teenagers or certain social groups and is often used in daily conversation. Not only popular in media, slang also could be found in lyric of song. Slang in song lyric is also form of communication. Through a song, the singer can deliver the message to the listeners (Puspitorini, 2019:103).

In this research, the researchers want to analyze slang words in lyric song of Billie Eilish which consists of an album including 13 songs. Song lyrics are a person's expression of something has seen, heard or experienced. In conducting research on slang word, song lyrics are often used as the object of research. Song writers often use slang word in their songs to convey the content or meaning of the song. The appearance of slang word in the lyrics of Billie Eilish's songs creates a certain meaning in each form of the word that appears. When listening to the song, the researchers found a slang word in the song that made the listeners ask the purpose of the slang word.

The researchers analyze data based on types of slang words using the theory of Yule (1986) as cited in Teguh (2017:13) according to Yule there are 10 types of slang words, they are : Coinage, borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping, back formation, conversion, acronym, derivation, multiple process.

Here the example of slang word in song lyric used by Billie Eilish,:

Bite my tongue, bide my time

Wearing a warning sign

Wait 'til the world is mine

Clipping, is one of slang word formation which is formed by shortening the word. : the song "you should see me in the crown" from Billie Eilish. The general meaning 'til has a short meaning **until**. 'til called clipping because shortening from originally word **until**.

From the example above, further the researchers want to analyze more detail slang words in song lyric used by Billie Eilish that contain in her album. This research on using slang words has been done before by Evadewi and Jufrizal (2018) observed *slang words in Eminem rap's music*. This study focused in analyzing the characteristic of slang language. It was conducted to find the characteristics of the slang in Eminem's song because Eminem uses many kind of slang which have contrast meaning from real life.

For short, the before research analyzed the slang word in Eminem's rap. Unlike with this research, the last researchers examined slang word based on their characteristics, while this research will examine slang word based on the types proposed by Yule. This research will research the slang words in Billie Eilish album by the types of slang not characteristics. Based on the explanation above, the researchers will analyze slang words in song lyric used by Billie Eilish to find out what slang words represented that she use in her album. So, this research entitled "*An analysis of slang words in song lyric used by Billie Eilish on when we all fall asleep, where do we go? album*".

METHOD

Prabhat and Meenu (2015:18) said that the research method is the arrangement of condition for collecting and analyzing data in manner that aims to generalize the findings of the sample on the population. This research used qualitative research as the research design. Ritchie, Lewis, Nicholls and Ormston (2013) as cited in Rahman (2016:103) defined qualitative research is significant as it is the central focus of this section but there is a challenge to define this term clearly. Furthermore, Creswell in Situmorang et al (2020) explained qualitative research is a process of scientific research that is intended to understand humans problems in a social context by creating a comprehensive and complex picture presented. There are types of method qualitative namely study case, ethnography, content analysis, and phenomenology. This research used content analysis as a method. The data in this research were collected from Billie Eilish's album.

The researchers must determine the data source that is relevant to the research problem. The source of the data in this research was submit from transcripts of song lyric, in Billie Eilish's album. There were 13 songs that analyzed in Billie Eilish's album, they are *Bad guy, xanny, you should see me in the crown, all the good girls go to hell, wish you were gay, when the party's over, 8, my strange addiction, bury a friend, ilomilo, listen before I go, I love you, goodbye*. The data analyzed based on 10 types of slang words according to Yule's theory. The researchers choose Billie Eilish's album because there are some slang word that found there. The researchers also collected secondary data from other resources such a book, journals, etc. It is able to complete data for answer the research problem.

According to Samosir et al (2020:28), data is a certain fact so as to produce a conclusion in attracting a decision. According to Marshall (2006:97) in Sinaga et al (2020:13), qualitative approach typically relise on four methods for gathering information namely, participating in the setting, observasing directly, interviewing in depth, and analyzing documents. In this research, the technique of collecting data used document method. The document method is a quick and simple way to add a comment block prior to a method component of the method. Steps that researchers use to collecting the data 1) Downloading songs from Youtube contained in *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? album by Billie Eilish*. 2) Listening to the song. 3) Finding song lyrics that have types of slang word.

According to Flick (2013:5), qualitative data analysis is the classification of linguistic material to make statements about structures of meaning-making in the material. The analysis of qualitative data is often one step in a series of steps throughout the research process. Steps that the researchers used were analyzing the song lyric, categorizing the song lyric into ten types of slang word, and classifying the

slang word. According to Flick (2013:12) in Hutabarat et al (2020:41), triangulation means to take several methodological perspectives or theoretical perspectives on an issue under study triangulation. In this research, researchers used two or more technique in collecting the data to get the validity triangulation. Fusch (2018:22) as cited in Hutabarat et al (2020:42) stated that there are four types of triangulation, namely data triangulation, investigator triangulation, theory triangulation and methodological triangulation. This research used theory triangulation and methodological triangulation. First, theory triangulation is alternative theories to the data set, this research used of several theories, in methodological triangulation, there are four methods such interviews observations, questionnaires, and documents. However, this research use the documents as methodology because source of the data from the document, and also the researchers took the data from many sources of document, like journal, e-book, and articles.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

A. FINDINGS

The data are taken from 13 songs of Billie Eilish album. Each Slang Words of the album was analyzed into ten types they are: Coinage, Borrowing, Compounding, Blending, Clipping, Back Formation, Conversion, Acronym, Derivation, Multiple Process. In this research, the researchers found six types in Billie Eilish album.

1) Types of Slang Words in song lyrics by Billie Eilish

There are 159 Slang Words analyzed in this research. The types of Slang Words were Coinage, Borrowing, Compounding, Blending, Clipping, and Derivation.

Table 1. Types of Slang Words on “When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? Album”

Types of Slang Words	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Coinage	21	13,20 %
Borrowing	1	0,62%
Compounding	1	0,62%
Blending	102	64,15%
Clipping	30	18,86%
Back Formation	0	0%
Conversion	0	0%
Acronym	0	0%
Derivation	4	2,51%
Multiple Process	0	0%
Total	159	100%

From the diagram below, it can be seen there are 21 Coinage, 1 Borrowing, 1 Compounding, 102 Blending, 30 Clipping, 4 Derivation. From the 10 types that were not included in the Billie Eilish’ album they are: Back formation, Conversion, Acronym, and Multiple Process.

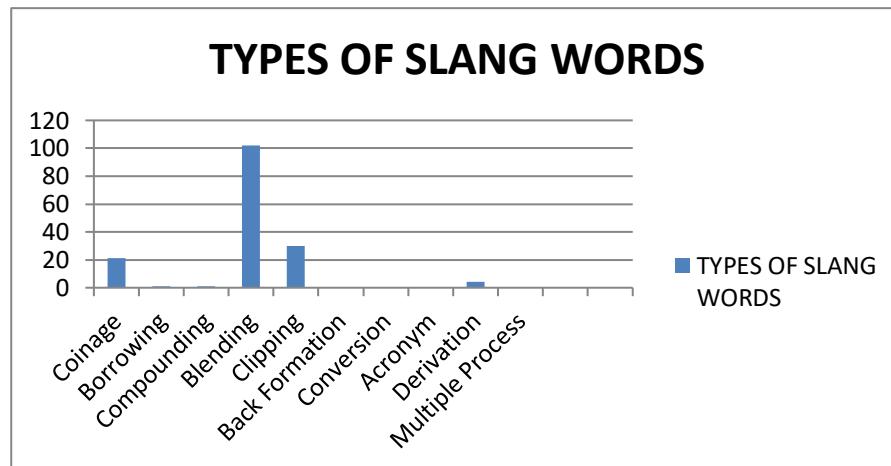


Chart 1. Types of Slang found in Billie Eilish Album

2) The most dominant type of Slang Words

Table 2 The most dominant type of Slang Words Used by Billie Eilish

Types of Slang Words	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Coinage	21	13,20 %
Borrowing	1	0,62%
Compounding	1	0,62%
Blending	102	64,15%
Clipping	30	18,86%
Derivation	4	2,51%
Most dominant	102	64,15%

The diagram below, the most dominant type of Slang Words in Billie Eilish Album above is *Blending*. In When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? Album, there are 64% Blending in which this type is the most dominant used in the album. While Coinage 13,2%, Borrowing 0,62%, Compounding 0,62%, Clipping 18,86%, and Derivation 2,51%. Many Slang Words which found in 13 song lyrics by Billie Eilish on “Whe We All Fall A sleep, Where Do We Go? Album”. It can be said that Slang Words means that words in the lyrics were an informal word. The researchers realized after reading all the lyrics in detail and analyzed the words, the researchers were decided the words which called as Slang Words.

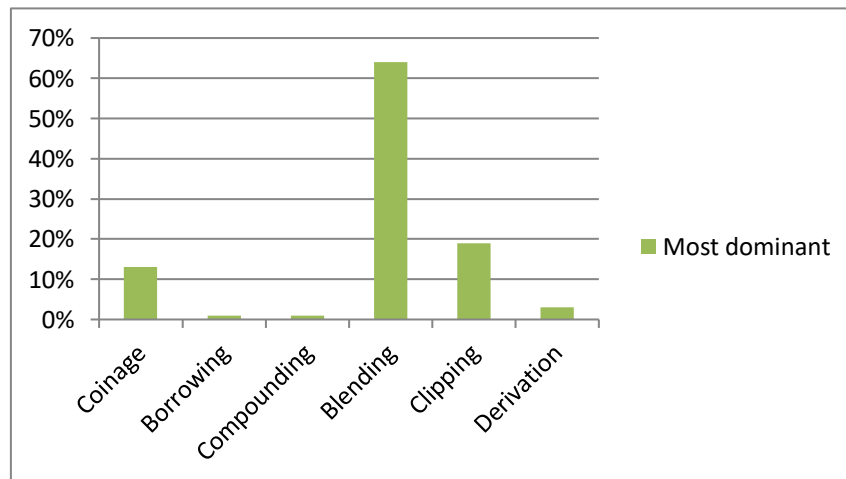


Chart 2. The most dominant Slang found in Billie Eilish Album

DISCUSSION

After analyzing the data above, the researchers would like to discuss Slang Words. The problem found by researchers from the music listeners in used Slang Words in song lyrics especially types of Slang Words, because in general music listeners only know that Slang Words is language that is used by teenagers but from the language not understand which one said Slang Words. Beside of Song lyrics, we can also find Slang Words in the dialogue in the film and also our daily conversations with the people we are closets to. To determine the word is part of Slang, not only according to the 10 types in this research. There are many theories that can be used to determine Slang.

There is previous research about Slang Words, First, research from Trimastuti (2017) entitled: "An Analysis Slang Words Used in Social Media. This research focused analyzing Slang Words talk between teenagers. The objectives of the research to describe Slang Words in this case *Alay* language. The researchers employed descriptive qualitative as the research design. The data were taken from Blackberry messenger, twitter, Instagram, path, line, and Facebook. The result of the data analysis found 30 Slang Words, they are 10 abbreviations, 10 alphabet changing, 10 irregular capital usage. There are some contrasts the previous study with this research. First, the objectives of the research is to find out kinds of Slang Words and to find out the most dominant type of Slang Words. Second, the object of this research is song lyrics. Third, from the result of the data showed that the researchers are looking for is different and also a different theory.

CONCLUSION

After analyzing the data, the conclusion can be said that 1) There are six types of Slang Words was found in Billie Eilish song lyrics on "*When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? Album*" namely Coinage, Borrowing, Compounding, Blending, Clipping, Derivation with different amounts. 2) Based on the explanation above the researchers realized that Slang Words was important to study and to understand the meaning of Slang. Then many words that found in 13 songs lyrics of Billie Eilish, the researchers found the most dominant type of Slang Words namely Blending.

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