

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problem

Sociolinguistics is the descriptive study of the effect of any and all aspects of society, including cultural norms, expectations, and context, on the way language is used, and the effects of language use on society. Sociolinguistics differs from sociology of language in that the focus of sociology of language is the effect of language on the society, while sociolinguistics focuses on the society's effect on language (wikipedia.com). Language has an important role in this context, language is an information system used by the group to communicate and carry out their daily activities. There are several variations of a language created by the people in a particular community.

The goal is to express something in a language that they have. Yawkey (1984:268) in Supriyanto (1991:1) states that language is arbitrary system of articulated sound made of by a group of human as a means of carrying on their society. Iswahyuni (1998:1) states language is medium to express idea, opinion, and feeling in the science and education world. English language can be divided into two Categories, non-standard and Standard English (Crimmson, 1967:170).

Non Standard English is a dialect spoken by large section of non middle class and often heard to be ugly, corrupted or lazy. Most college-education people who fill position of social, financial, and professional that influence in the community use Standard English. According to Crimmon (1967:175), Standard English has two variants, formal and informal English. Formal English is usually used for formal condition, such as research, business, application letter, papers, thesis, seminar and so on. On the other hand, English is informally called colloquialism because it is often used in daily communication to talk to family, peers or close relatives.

Studies on the effects of various aspects of society, including culture, norms and contexts. Sociolinguistics is the study of language in relation to society. Society tends to use slang in everyday. Slang is the particular language for particular group. Webster (1980) states that slang is language of particular group, trade or pursuit or an informal, non- standard vocabulary changed words and extravagant, forced or facetious figures of speech. Slang language is not an official language or it is informal language, although it is widely used for oral communication in many purposes, as many words quickly become outdated and obsolete because of trends.

Slang language is mainly spoken form, which is used in social milieus and in popular media, and to certain extent it is used in song lyrics and publications, such as teen magazines or pop culture magazines. One can deduce that Indonesian slang language is the primary language for oral communication spoken by everybody in daily life, except for formal speeches. Slang words cannot be distinguished from other words by sound or meaning indeed, all slang words, as mentioned above, were once cant, jargon, argot, or taboo. Such words, such as “blizzards, mob, movie, phone, gas”, and others did not change in sound or meaning when they become informal or standard.

There are many ways to express something and one of this ways is singing. By singing the song the singer can express their idea, feelings, and make it more attractive to listener (Frederik, 1988:144). Someone can express their ideas through songs to tell what he or she feels to listener. However, everyone has different ability for to say something or speaking language and understanding others. The use of slang varies from region to region and from generation to generation. There are some various kinds of music, one of them is “Rap”. Rap is a kind of music that comes from black people, especially American, who have particular ways of speech. The Rap is developing and very popular for black people and white teenagers but not everyone can know the meaning of the slang words.

Setyowati (2001:3) states that Rap is the music of necessity of finding poetry in the colloquial, beauty in anger, and lyricism oven in violence. The language that used in Rap song is slang language. The rapper tends to use slang

language to create the lyrics in Rap song. So I was very interested in the meaning and the discussion of the slang words in Rap songs.

1.2 Identification of the Problems

Based on the background above, the writer identify a lot of people only like to hear and listening rap music genre without knowing the meaning that contained inside the lyrics, so the writer decided to analyzed the meaning of the lyrics that Eminem used in the songs based on the meaning, type characteristics and purpose of the slang words.

1.3 Limitation of the Problems

The data analyzed in this study are the slang language in Eminem's song lyrics, the main source of the data is Eminem's song lyrics in their album "Slim Shady LP" released in 1999 consisting of 1 song (Bad Meet Evil), released in 2002 consisting of three songs (Cleaning Out My Closet, Sing for the Moment, Say what You Say) and from "Eminem Presents The Re-Up" album released 2006 taking of two songs (Love Me, Nail in the Coffin), so the total is six songs.

This study analyzes the use of slang language, and describes the slang used in Eminem's song lyrics in their album "Slim Shady LP" released in 1999, "The Eminem Show" released in 2002 and "Eminem Presents The Re- Up" released 2006, so the total is six songs. The slang language found analyzed based on the theory of finding the meaning and the characteristic based on slang, retrieved from <http://www.SlangSite.org/>.

1.4 Formulation of the Problems

Based on the background above, the writer formulates the problems as follows:

1. What are types of slang used in eminem's song lyrics?
2. What are the characteristics of slang used in eminem's song lyrics?

1.5 Objective of the Research

Based on the formulation of the problems, the writer conducts this research for the aims as follows:

1. to find out types of slang used in eminem's song lyrics.
2. to know the characteristic of slang used in eminem's song lyrics.

1.6 Methods of the Research

This study focuses on how the purpose and meaning represented through the lyrics, words and slang, because the writer is using qualitative methods, particularly descriptive as the writer will describe in detail the core of research. The main thing that will be done by the writer is to look for the lyrics of the song. The writer will also read the lyrics of the song carefully in analyzing the implied intent in the lyrics, the use of slang words contained in the lyrics and classify according to the type and the characteristic of slang contained in the lyrics.

1.7 Benefit of the Research

The writer expects that the study meaningfully contribute to sociolinguistics theoretically and practically to increase the understanding of slang and its meaning. Theoretically, the study can learn more about language, especially concerning slang not only in lyrics but also in other forms, although in this term paper focused on the lyrics of rap song.

1.8 Systematic Organization of the Research

This writing of term paper uses paper organization. The writer organizes it into four sections that consist of four chapters, as follows:

CHAPTER 1 : INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the writer explains about background of the research, identification of the problems, limitation of the problems, formulation of the problems, objective of the research, methods of the research, and benefits of the research about an used of Slang words of Eminem's song.

CHAPTER 2: FRAMEWORK OF THE THEORIES

In conducting the research, the writer has to collect and review the related review the literature related to the research. Literature is needed to give theoretical

explanation. There are some related literatures and theories that will be explained in this chapter.

CHAPTER 3: FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

This chapter consists of findings and discussions. The data taken in this research are song lyrics by Eminem. The analysis of the song lyrics is based on the problems in chapter 1.

CHAPTER 4: CONCLUSION

This chapter consists of the writer's conclusion from the analysis of the complete study.

