

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research

Language is a tool of human being to socialize and communicate to one another. Without language, we as human can not interact and get information from others. In doing an activity, we usually do it while listening to a song, including while studying. Of course, in learning we need pleasure, so we can concentrate, not feel bored and make us more relaxed in studying. As you know, the English song nowadays is heard every second and everywhere, like in the street, mall, etc. Undoubtedly, a song does play an important role in stimulating the brain to be more productive in absorbing and digesting things. According to Metro.co.uk (March 21, 2019), many experts suggest that learning while listening to music will bring more effective results than without music. One of them is the psychology Dr. Emma Gray said that by listening to the music while studying can improve our learning activity, according to her research with Spotify.

In learning and understanding language, people not only understand the form of language, but also the meaning in it. There are many ways people do in delivering their idea to other, so that people can understand and catch the meaning of the idea. One of the ways that can be used is by a song. Lot of people can figure out their ideas and feeling into a song.

A song is a composition of voice performed by a singer or by musical instrument. There are many messages delivered in a song. In this era of globalization, people can speak with other through song. Through song someone could convey their voice to many people, so that people would know their feelings. Currently a lot of songs could express our feelings. It means that the song can be used as the way to delivering idea and feeling so that the people can understand what the composer means.

As we know, song is a part of literature. Sometimes, people find difficulties to understand what composer means in a song, because what conventionally says is not always the same as what they are intended to express. A composer usually put

the meaning implicitly. In the attempt to understand the meaning of what composer means in a song, a further knowledge is needed.

In understanding a song, someone has a different point of view. It is because worldly knowledge differs from one person to another. The response given in listening to songs, especially one song can be different, because one analysis is different from the others. Analysis is adjusted to show the listener sees from what context in understanding it. To understand the meaning and messages of a song we have to know about study of language first. The study of language is linguistic and one of linguistic aspects is idiomatic expression. One thing that we should learn to upgrading our skill of speaking in English is idiom. Idiom is an expression to describe certain condition that is not intended to be understood literally. Idiom is important to be learned and used because it can communicate something simple and interesting, in fact it can make us sound like a native speaker. Idioms are used as metaphors or to symbolize something else. It helps in making the language beautiful, they also make things better or worse through making the expression good or bad.

One of the artists who uses a lot of idioms in their song is Billie Eilish. Billie Eilish is a pop indie American singer and songwriter. She is best known for her successful debut single, 'Ocean Eyes.' She was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. Belonging to a family of musicians, she was destined to make a career in performing arts. She joined a choir at the age of 8, and by the time she turned 11, she had begun writing and singing her own songs. Her elder brother, Finneas O'Connell, was the biggest influence in her life while she was growing up. He had his own band and had written a song titled 'Ocean Eyes.' Billie performed the song and released it online. It became a massive success. This turned out to be her first massive breakthrough. In 2017, her brother helped her record the single 'Bellyache.' With the success of the song, Billie released her debut EP, 'Don't Smile at Me,' in August 2017. The EP appeared on several American and international music charts. In October 2017, 'Apple' named her their newest 'Up Next' artist.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

Based on the background above, I identified that almost of Billie Eilish songs has idiomatic expression that she used to show her feelings in unique ways. This unique ways could lead the listeners to misinterpret the lyrics. Based on the identification above, I assume that because Billie Eilish has a different and unique personality from the others that makes each song has its own characteristics and makes the writer find new unidentified idioms in English idiom dictionary.

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

To make this research more directional, focused, and not too large, the writer limits the problem which is the idiomatic expression, meaning, and interpretation used in Billie Eilish selected songs. In this research, the writer using Cowie's theory. Limiting a development this problem, here the writer will makes scope of this title only focus on studying idiomatic expression and interpretation in twelve of Billie Eilish's selected songs, they are bury a friend, when the party's over, wish you were gay, copycat, you should see me in a crown, ocean eyes, 8, listen before i go, i love you, party favor, watch, and six feet under.

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

Based on the background above, the research problem is formulated in the form of research questions, as follows:

1. What types and forms of idioms are used in Billie Eilish selected songs?
2. What are the meaning of idioms that found in Billie Eilish selected songs?
3. Why did Billie Eilish choose those idioms in her songs?
4. What idiomatic expressions dominantly in Billie Eilish selected songs.

1.5 Objectives of the Research

In order to be able to reach the purpose of the research, the analysis steps are conducted in the following ways:

1. To classify the types of of idiomatic expression that used in Billie Eilish selected songs,
2. To analyze the meaning of idiomatic expression that found in in Billie Eilish selected songs,

3. To analyze the reason of Billie choose those idioms,
4. To analyze the idiomatic expression is used dominantly in Billie Eilish selected songs.

1.6 Methods of the Research

To conduct this research, the writer use qualitative method to analyze Billie Eilish song because this research attempts to provide a description about idiomatic expression, so that the writer can make the readers undertand that the lyrics of the song and describe the messages that must be known by learning them deeply in terms of categories. The data analyzed in this research are some written text. To do the research the writer uses the following steps. First of all, watching, reading, listening, and comprehending Billie Eilish songs. Secondly, finding and marking some word that are included in idiom. Third, classifying the data based on the problems. Fourth, analyzing and translating the lyrics to get the equivalent meaning.

1.7 Benefits of the Research

The benefit of this research is to comprehend that the theory can be used to give a clearer and better understanding about the meaning of a song in the right way so that the reader will not misinterpret and understand what the exact meaning of the songs and also this research will be used as an academic reference by other researcher to conduct further research dealing with the intentions of song lyrics.

1.8 Systematic Organization of the Research

The writing of this term paper uses paper organization. The writer will organize it into four that consist of four section, the explanation as follows :

Chapter 1 : Introduction

In this chapter, the writer will explain about the background of the reserach, identification of the problems, limitation od the problem, formulation of the problem, objective of the research, methods of the research, benefit of the research, and systematic organization of the research about the analysis of Dominant types and meaning of idiomatic expression in Billie Eilish selected songs.

Chapter 2 : Framework of Theories

This chapter consists of the theories of semantic by Katz and Leech, idiomatic expression by Cowie, meaning, song, and biography of Billie Eilish.

Chapter 3 : Dominant Types with Meaning of Idiomatic Expression and Interpretation of Billie Eilish Selected Songs

In this chapter, the writer will analyze the types, meaning, and the dominant idiomatic expression in Billie Eilish selected songs. The writer and some references as guidance. The writer will be using qualitative/descriptive research as reasearch design. In this case, the writer focused at analyzing songs as the source of research. In completing this research, the writer will identified the meanings and the common uses of English idioms by using English Idioms Electronic Dictionary, Oxford Idiom Dictionary (2004). Not only dictionaries, the writer also search useful information related to this reaseach in some trustworthy internet websites to support this research become easy to understand.

Chapter 4 : Conclusion

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

This chapter above are followed by references, scheme of the research, poster, curriculum vitae and other requirement.