

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Problem

Language is very important in human life to express idea, knowledge, and feeling. one of the languages is English. English has become an important popular language for international communication and people always call it as an international language. Language is an effective tool to make relationship and work together. In many aspects language can be learn and one of the study language is to using a figurative language.

Language cannot be separated from us, because it is so important in every aspects such as: technology, education, sciences, politics, economics, art, etc. In art for example: namely song. As far as we know, song is a part of literature. According to Meyer (1997:1), *“Literature is a term used to describe written text marked by careful use of language, including features such ad creatives metaphors, well turned phrases, elegant, syntax, rhyme, alliteration, which are aesthetically read orintented by the author to be aesthetically read and deliberately somewhat open in interpretation”*.

Figurative language is related with meaning, and the study of meaning is semantics. Kearns (2000:1) in her book says *“Semantics deals with the literal meaning of words and the meaning of the way they are combined, which taken together from the core of meaning, or the starting point from which the whole meaning of a particular utterance is constructed”*.

Listening song is fun activity, but the listeners cannot get pleasure if they dont understand the figurative language that comonly found in song. There are some similarities between a song and a poem. A song has to be rhythmic and so Rhythm is one of the important elements in both songs and poetry. In fact, there is even a form of poetry which is made into music called a lyric poem. They can be used in songs to express the thoughts and feelings of the song writer.

Song usually consist of figurative language since the figurative languaged is used in the lyric that is written well. The descriptive words of figurative language

has a meaning in sense other than literal, even the words convey precise meaning. The researcher analyze figurative language in Linkin Park songs.

There are many messages delivered in their songs and the language that is used to convey the messages in the song is figurative language, so the listener will be interested in listening song to obtain the purpose and the messages delivered in the song. The researcher is interested in conducting this research because usually the readers, including the researcher himself, find some difficulties in understanding the meaning of the song lyrics. Every song has messages and in order to know the message, the lyrics of the song need to be analyzed to know the meaning. The researcher chooses Linkin Park album because the song writes based on his experience, but they always very good on the words selection, so the listeners do not expect those songs are telling true stories of the band. The method which is used in this research is descriptive qualitative method. Descriptive qualitative method employs technique of seeking, collecting and analyzing data.

This study focused on the use of figurative languages in song lyrics, because many figurative languages could be analyze. In this project, the researcher expected to have positive contribution in figurative language field, and hopes this research will be help the other researcher to improve their ability to analysis figurative language more deep. The researcher also hopes that this study could enrich and improve the next researchers' ability in understanding of figures of speech.

## **1.2 Identification of the Problem**

Based on the background of the research, the researcher found the problem in this research is the figurative language used in the lyrics because there are not very familiar for song's listeners, figurative language is the way to saying something which different than the literal meaning, so the listeners could not get the meaning or get the message of the songs. The researcher hopes this research can give significance to the reader especially those who will enjoy, understand and appreciate Linkin Park's song.

## **1.3 Limitation of the Problem**

To make this research more focused, and not too wide, the researcher have a limit of the problem which is the figurative language used in Linkin Park's (One More Light) Album. In this research, the researcher uses Knickerbocker and Reningger theory.

## **1.4 Formulation of the Problem**

Based on the above background the researcher have two problems and they are as follows:

1. What types of figurative language are found in Linkin Park's (One More Light) album based on Knickerbocker and Reningger theory?
2. What the contextual meaning of the figurative language used in Linkin Park's (One More Light) album?

## **1.5 Objective of the Problem**

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 figurative languages expressions in Linkin Park's (One More Light) album based on Knickerbocker and Reningger theory.
2. To describe the meanings of figurative languages in Linkin Park's (One More Light) album based on Knickerbocker and Reningger theory.

## **1.6 Method of the Research**

The method of this study uses descriptive qualitative method. Descriptive qualitative method uses technique of seeking, collecting, and analyzing data. In this case, the researcher explains and describes the data more detailed and accurate.

The technique for collecting data is observation. The researcher runs observation through these steps as follow:

1. Listen to the songs of Linkin Park's (One More Light) album
2. Read the song lyric of Linkin Park's (One More Light) album
3. Select the figurative language
4. Identify the data
5. Arrange the data into several parts based on classification

## **1.7 Benefit of the Research**

The researcher suggests those who are interested in studying about lyrics analysis, they can use many approaches such as figurative language. The researcher hopes that this research can give a positive contribution for the readers and help the readers to have a better understanding about the meaning of song lyrics.

## **1.8 Systematic Organization of the Research**

The writing of term paper uses paper organization. The researcher organizes it into four sections that consists of four chapters, as follows:

### **CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION**

It consists of Background of the Problem, Identification of the Problem, Limitation of the Problem, Formulation of the Problem, Objective of the Research, Method of the Research, Benefits of the Research and Systematic Organization of the Research.

### **CHAPTER 2: FRAMEWORK OF THE THEORIES**

This chapter consists of theories to support this research such as the definition and the type of figurative language.

**CHAPTER 3: THE ANALYSIS OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGES IN LINKIN PARK (ONE MORE LIGHT) ALBUM**

In this chapter, the researcher examines and analyses the data in order to answer the research questions. The researcher finds the figurative language used in the lyrics of The Analysis of Figurative Languages in Linkin Park (One More Light) Album and find the meaning of these.

**CHAPTER 4: CONCLUSION**

This chapter contains the researcher's conclusion from the analysis of the complete study.

