CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Research

We, as human, a social being who always rely on each other is using language for many reasons. The most important and common reason why we people use language is to communicate or to express what we feel. The other reason of using language as a social people is that we use it for asking help, or convince someone, asking for something, etc. Basically, language is very important for our life.

Language studies of meaning are divided by 2 branches, pragmatics and semantics. Semantics is concerned with the meaning of words, phrases, sentences, and texts, as well as how meaning is created and interpreted. Semantics aims to understand how words and other linguistic forms are used to convey the true meaning of the words.

A hidden meaning appears on everyday conversation, but also applied on many literatures works such as novel, movie script, song lyrics, and many more. In relation of song lyrics, when we are talking about hidden meaning, many songs have hidden meaning since the songwriter use figure of speech, in which it may cause different meaning based on different interpretation.

According to Quinn (1982:6) the simplest definition of a figure of speech is an intended deviation from ordinary usage. And Gluckberg (2001:4) states that a figure of speech in which a name or descriptive word or phrase is transferred to an object or action. Based on those two theories, I could say that in song lyrics, song writers like to make a song lyric that is not related to the songs title or give some random words that we sometimes not understand but have a hidden meaning behind it.

Keraf (2009:129) mentions the figure of speech has function to explain, strengthen, a live, stimulate, decorate an object, and sometimes, songwriters write their songs in style of language which not common for some people and sometimes songwriter write their song with no correlation with the title of the song but the hidden meaning behind the lyric is correlated with the song itself.

Nowadays, music is popular in the world. From teenagers to adults, and even elders love listening to music. Music gives happiness to people, elevates their moods, reduce stress, and even for some people, music can ease their pain. Lyrics in some music also can stimulates memories. Modernization also helps songwriters to explore and improve the words uses in their lyrics of their songs. And Qurrotul 'Ain (2013:15) Said that, many people appreciate in the form of a very beautiful poem, with musical accompaniment. Because every human being is not the same in showing his art, especially the art of growing and evolving yang music without limits. In this world there are countless number of music now, because its development regardless of time and place.

This day, songwriters write their songs to express their feelings through different language style, and because of this, many of their listeners hardly understand what exactly the lyrics means. Every songwriter has their own unique characteristics. Some of them often use figure of speech to express their feeling on the lyrics.

I, then, as researcher, am interested on doing research to analyze figure of speech found in song lyrics. I am going to use one of Ed Sheeran's albums to reveal the figure of speech found in the song lyrics. Most of the lyrics in his albums are written by himself. Here is the brief background of Ed Sheeran.

Ed Sheeran is a hugely successful British singer-songwriter who rose to fame in 2011 with the release of his debut album titled "Divide". Sheeran was born in Halifax, Yorkshire in 1991 and grew up in Suffolk, where he developed a love of music from an early age. He honed his skills by performing at local venues and releasing independent albums, eventually signing to a major label.

Ed Sheeran's acoustic songs has a unique blend of folk, pop and hip-hop has earned him a legion of fans around the world and has sold millions of albums and singles. He has won numerous awards for his music, including four Grammy Awards, six Brit Awards for him, and Ivor for his Novello Awards. Apart from his music, Sheeran is also known for his philanthropic activities, supporting various charitable organizations through his work.

1.2. Identification of the Problem

In Ed Sheeran album titled "Divide", there are song lyrics that have a hidden meaning which may cause the listeners of that song misinterpret or misunderstand the lyrics. The result is that the listeners could understand what massages that the songwriter tries to say through his songs.

1.3. Limitation of the Problem

Based on the identification of the problem, I limit my research on analyzing and describing types of figurative language found in 16 song lyrics in "Divide" album by Ed Sheeran.

1.4. Formulation of the Problem

Based on the limitation of the problem, I formulate my research questions as follows:

1. What are types of figurative language used in Ed Sheeran album "Divide" (2017) song lyrics?
2. What are the meaning of the song lyrics which used figurative language found in Ed Sheeran album's "Divide" (2017)?

1.5. Objectives of the Research

The objective of my research are:

1. To classify and explain types of figurative language in Ed Sheeran album "Divide" (2017).
2. To describe the true meaning of figurative language in song lyrics found in Ed Sheeran album "Divide" (2017).

1.6. Benefit of the Research

I expect my research could be beneficial to people who want to understand more about figurative language on song lyrics and for people who interested in song analysis related to figurative language. I also expect my research can help linguistics students to understand more about figurative language use in song lyrics.

1.7. Systematic Organization of the Research

The framework of the term paper writing which titled "Figurative language used in Ed Sheeran album's "Divide" (2017)" is as follows:

CHAPTER 1   **: INTRODUCTION**

This chapter contains of the phases of research layout, such as background of the problem, the identification of the problem, limitation of the problem, the formulation of the problem, objective of the research, the benefit of the research, and systematic organization of the research.

CHAPTER 2   **: THEORITICAL FRAMEWORK**

This chapter consists of the expert theories related to my research such as: semantics theories, figure of speech theories, type of figure of speech.

CHAPTER 3   **: RESEARCH METHOD**

This chapter consist of time and location of the research, research approach and method use, research object and data, data collection technique, and data analysis technique.

CHAPTER 4   **: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE USED IN ED SHEERAN ALBUM'S "DIVIDE" (2017)"**

In this chapter, I will reveal the research finding and result to prove my research objective.

CHAPTER 5   : CONCLUSION

This chapter consists of the conclusion of the research finding done in the previous chapter. I will also provide suggestions for future research.