

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problem

In communication, language is the most important things in social life. We use language to communicate with others. According to Oxford Learners Dictionary (Oxford Learners Dictionary, n.d.) language is the principal method of human communication, consisting of words used in a structured and conventional way and it conveyed by speech, writing, or gesture. Language has an essential role in society. We use language to express our thoughts, feeling, emotion, etc. In the use of language, language can be analyzed linguistically. Linguistic is the study of human speech including the units, nature, structure, and modification of language (Dictionary by Merriam-Webster, n.d.). Linguistics also deals with the meanings expressed by the speakers and will process by the hearers or the readers to produce the new information that will be associated with the excised information. In linguistic, there are two linguistic studies which related to the meaning.

There are semantic and pragmatic studies. Semantics is the study which focuses primarily on a speaker's ability to use the language system to produce meaningful speech and understand speech from others. While pragmatics is the study of language focused on someone's ability to derive meanings from specific kinds of speech to recognize what the speaker is referring to, and interpret what was said by the speaker. In semantics, analyzing meaning can be done in various ways, one of is by using the used figure of speech.

The used of figure of speech can also be seen in literary works, one of them is in the song lyrics. Some people love listening to music and read the song lyrics, and they tried to understand and interpret the meaning of each lyrics, but sometimes they have difficulties when understanding the meaning of each lyrics. When writing song lyrics, to make the lyrics of the songs much more meaningful and beautiful, song writers sometimes does not convey the true meaning of their songs, they often

give the hidden meaning of their lyrics, because song writers do not want their listeners to know directly the meaning of the songs directly, they want their listeners to interpret the meaning first, so here can we conclude that figure of speech is words or phrases which meaning is separate from its literal meaning, the meaning we can find in the dictionary. Figure of speech is commonly use in literary works especially in the written of song lyrics.

Billie Eilish is a famous singer and song writer. She wrote her own lyrics then sing it too, when she was 15 years old, she gained attention with her first single debut “Ocean Eyes. From this song, Billie becomes more famous, and everyone around the world know her. She released her first album on March 29, 2019 “When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do we Go?” Then she released her second Album on July 30, 2021 “Happier Than Ever”. Her second album could attract the attention of people around the world because of one of the songs in the album “Happier than ever”. The “Happier than Ever” album received a total seven nominations at 64th Annual Grammy Awards, such as album of the year, best pop vocal album, song of the year, and record of the year.

The purpose why I conduct this research because as the music listeners, sometimes we find difficulties in understanding the meaning of the song lyrics. Every song has its own messages and in order to understand the message, the song need to be analyzed. I decided to use the song lyrics of Billie Eilish album “Happier Than Ever” because, Billie as the singer and also the song writer wrote the lyrics in this album based on her life and experience also she is very good in words selection. In general, I expect that this study can make a positive contribution to help the readers to have better understanding about the meaning of the song lyrics in order to appreciate the song writer’s work. This research can also help the next researcher who has some interest in analyzing the figurative language in the song lyrics

1.2 Identification of the Problem

Based on the background of the problem above, I identify that Billie Eilish, as a songwriter in the album “Happier Than Ever” when she wrote song lyrics, she often used figure of speech, so the hearers may have difficulties in interpreting the true meaning of her songs or in understanding what is the message that she wants to convey.

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

Based on the identification of the problem, I limit my research to analyse figurative language used in the song lyrics in the album “Happier Than Ever” by Billie Eilish.

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

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

1. What are the types of figurative language used in the song lyrics of Billie Eilish’s album “Happier Than Ever”?
2. What is the interpretation of figurative language used in the song lyrics of Billie Eilish’s album “Happier Than Ever”?
3. What are the dominant types of figurative language used in the song lyrics of Billie Eilish’s album “Happier Than Ever”?

1.5 Objectives of the Research

Based on the formulation of the problem, the objectives of my research are as follows:

1. To explain the types of figurative language used in the song lyrics of Billie Eilish’s album “Happier Than Ever”
2. To explain the interpretation of figurative language used in the song lyrics of Billie Eilish’s album “Happier Than Ever”
3. To find the most dominant types of figurative language used in the song lyrics of Billie Eilish’s album “Happier Than Ever”

1.6 Benefit of the Research

The research can benefit as follows:

1. For students who are interested in semantics, this research can be a reference to the same topic with different object.
2. For students who are interested in analysing figurative language in the song lyrics.
3. For other researchers who are conscious to explore deeply about Billie Eilish's different album.

1.7 Systematic Organization of the Research

The frame framework of this term paper organization. The researcher organizes it into five parts that consists five chapters, as follows:

CHAPTER 1 : INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains about the background of the problem, identification of the problem, limitation of the problem, formulation of the problem, objectives of the research, the benefit of the research, and the systematic organization of the research about the analysis of figurative language study on the song lyrics of Billie Eilish's album "Happier Than Ever".

CHAPTER 2 : THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

This chapter contains the theories used for this research. The used of the theory of figurative language by Keraf (2009). In the theory of figurative language contain 6 kinds of figurative language that I am going to use, there are personification, metaphor, hyperbole, simile, and idiom. In addition, I use the theory of semantics by Kreidler (1998) and Yule (2006).

CHAPTER 3 : RESEARCH METHOD

This chapter contains the information about the approach and method which researcher uses to compose this term paper.

CHAPTER 4 : FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE STUDY ON BILLIE EILISH'S SONG LYRICS IN THE ALBUM "HAPPIER THAN EVER" 2021

In this chapter, I examine and analyse the data in order to answer the research questions. The researcher finds what types of figurative language used in the song lyrics of Billie Eilish's album "Happier Than Ever" and the interpretation of each figurative language used in the song lyrics. The researcher uses the 5 of figurative language proposed by Keraf 2009 as discussed in the chapter 2.

CHAPTER 5 : CONCLUSION

In this chapter, I will conclude all the results of my research that has been done in the previous chapter.