

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter consists of Background of the Study, Statement of the Problem, Objectives of the study, Scope and Limitation of the Problem, Significant of the Problem, Definition of the Key Terms.

A. Background of the Study

Language has been divided into two parts, are Standard English and Non-Standard English. Standard English is variety of English that is usually used in formal situation which is normally taught in school. Non-Standard English is properly using in particular situation and cannot be used in formal situation.

There are many kinds of non-standard language. One of the non-standard English used in informal style is slang. Slang is one of the variants of language available in American English.

Slang is a part of language that is usually of outside conversation or standard use and that may consist of both newly coined words and phrases and new or external meaning attached to established term. From the definitions above we can conclude that slang is a new vocabulary possessed by a certain group of people. Slang reflects the social background of the speaker. In addition people in generally think that this slang is dominantly used by teenager.

Learning slang in language learning aims to make communication easier and show intimacy and familiarity between speakers and listeners. Because it is fun and informal slang is commonly found in entertainment media such as television, magazines, film and social media.

Students who know and learn slang language will realize that slang is formed by various processes such as phonological structures in the form of syllable reversals, and substitution of vowel and consonant letters in words, while morphology is in the form of insertions, acronyms and abbreviations. In semantic, like giving meaning in slang, so that it will give readers knowledge about phonology, morphology, and semantic studies.

Slang is usually found in American movies. In the making of the film, it usually includes the social condition of their community. The example is the film about American family lives. The story cannot be separated from their social background of it is society. Generally people know that slang is dominantly used by the teenagers. The phenomenon of this research is based on the movie to be analyzed. The use of Ramona and Beezus movie is employed in conducting the research.

This movie is about an ordinary American family in which children and adults use slang dominantly. Doing slang research on this movie is very important to do, because the film depicts American people. Today many slang used in daily life of American. Therefore knowing slang will help us avoid misunderstanding when we interact with American people. For examples:

Ramona : It made really dizzy, yet I wanna do it again.

Howie : Race you home, mudball.

There are two slang in the conversation above namely; wanna and mudball. Wanna are categorized as imitative type. Slang word wanna is informal word from want and to. Since Ramona and Howie are best friends, they tend to use informal language. Therefore, slang occurs to initiate relax conversation. Mudball are

categorized as fresh and creative type. Word mudball is refers to Ramona, Howie used slang word “mudball” to make a joke with Ramona because he think Ramona is round person like a ball,when Ramona was hanging on the ring at school Ramona fell and her body was muddy, so Howie called Ramona as mudball.

From the explanation above, it can be concluded that the use of slang can be investigated in linguistic field by classifying type of slang and meaning of slang. Having an interest linguistics study the writer will conduct slang research in order to present some knowledge of slang based type of slang and meaning of slang. For that reason, the writer intends to conduct a research entitled“**An Analysis of Slang Used by the Characters in Ramona and Beezus Movie**”.

B. Scope of the Research

In this research, the researscher limits the discussion only focused on the types and meaning of slang used by the characters in Ramona and Beezus movie.

C. Statement of the Problem

The problem related to the background can be formulated as the following questions are:

1. What are the types of slang used by the characters in “Ramona and Beezus” movie?
2. What is the meaning of slang word used by the characters in “Ramona and Beezus” movie?

D. Objective of the Study

Objectives of this research are:

1. To identify the type of slang used by the characters in “ Ramona and Beezus” movie.
2. To describe meaning of slang used in the “ Ramona and Beezus” movie.

E. Significant of the Problem

Research benefit of this study consists of :

1. Theoretical Significance

The researcher hopes the result of this research can give information and knowledge in linguistic especially analysis of slang.

2. Practical Significance

a.) The researcher hopes the result of this research might be useful for lecturer in giving additional input and reference about slang in teaching linguistic.

b.) The study gave inspiration for the future researcher to conduct the similar study related to improvement linguistic knowledge especially slang.

c.) The result of this study is expected to be useful for English students to comprehend the type of slang and meaning of slang in “Ramona and Beezus” movie.

d.) This research is expected to be able to help the audience to understand the dialogue of the character.