

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Everyone has a language, no matter where it comes from. Speech is fundamental to humans, just like breath which is a basic thing and important for human life. Without language, we lose humanity. We can no longer function as homo sapiens (intelligent creatures). Language is a form of sound symbol produced by human speech and means of communication between community members. There are two areas involved in language comprehension. The first is audio generated by audio and the meaning written in the audio stream itself. The second is the meaning involved in ascending flow of the voice's response to what we hear. The sound stream is also called the stream of speech (Ritonga, 2012). Community language choices can be grouped according to the level of formality. The variety that is often used in society usually uses random and familiar forms. This relaxed and familiar variant is considered easy to understand when used for communication. An example of casual and familiar variations is slang. Slang can be described as language created by a certain group of people which is used in everyday communication and whose meaning is known only to this group. According to Chaer and Agustina (2010:67), slang words are a special and secret social variety. In other words, this variant is used by certain circles which are very limited and may not be known by people outside this group. The vocabulary used in this slang is constantly changing. And according to (Prayogi, 2007:2)

said that slang is an informal language used by teenagers and several circles to communicate. Familiarity and closeness in communication do not require perfect grammar with clear articulation, but short or concise statements will suffice. Many familiar forms or terms are also used for family or certain social groups.

Sociolinguistics is a study from linguistics and sociology which explains about language in relation to the use of language in society. Sociolinguistics comes from sociology and linguistics. Sociolinguistics is useful in providing knowledge of how to use language and explaining how to use the language in certain social aspects. Sociolinguistics places language in relation to use in society. This shows that sociolinguistics understands language as a social system and communication as part of society and culture. According to Ronald Wardhaugh (1986:12) see that sociolinguistics refers to how the relationship between language society and studied with the intention of better understand the structure of language and also the function of language in communication. Meanwhile, according to O'Grady and Dobrovolsky (1992) that sociolinguistics is a branch of linguistics who study various aspects of language in society and according to Wardhaugh (1986) suggests that diversity can be based on linguistic themes or patterns of human language (for example the sound of a word or its grammar) which may be related to some external factor. Examples are geographic locations or social groups. In social groups it is often heard that people use signs, words, phrases or certain sentences to convey secrets that people should not know and this

usually involves using language that sometimes doesn't match the language or incorrect word structure, such as use of slang.

Slang is the type of language used by teenagers to communicate between group members in informal situations or slang is one English variation and other languages spoken around the world. Adams (2009) explains that slang is term boundary or bridge between from interest and linguistic motivation which wider, to determine from the context of interest and what motivations they represent. Slang changes and develops from time to time. This can take the form of spoken or written language. Now slang is not only used in everyday conversation, but also in films used by actors. Slang tends to be seasonal, meaning that it is not standardized and is not constantly used. Likewise, new slang continues to emerge. Slang usually means vulgar or rude. Therefore, slang is only used for people who have a very close relationship with us, such as friends, acquaintances, and community members. On the other hand, this language is not recommended for use in formal situations, as in business, meetings, school kids, or strangers we just met. It is feared that this will lead to misunderstandings. Also in the field of writing one may not use slang, especially in formal writing such as business letters, academic writing, essays, news articles, etc. Chaer and Agustina (2004:67) say that slang is a social variant with a secret and special nature. Therefore, the variety of everyday language used by certain groups is limited and may not be known to those outside the group. And according to Aswin (2015: 143) says that slang is slang used by a social group or certain adolescents in everyday

communication. According to Aswin (in Sulaeman, 2019:46) says that slang is a secret language that is only understood by certain groups, especially teenagers, and that slang is more focused on the scope of vocabulary than the scope of phonology. Slang is mostly only understood by social groups or certain interlocutors with only one point of view, although there are some languages that others can understand, but not fully. Slang is an everyday language, meaning that slang is more focused on vocabulary than phonology. The vocabulary used in slang also changes so that only certain groups understand it and understand slang (Semiba & Bengkulu, 2019:46). This slang has a special character and secrets that give the impression that slang is the language of crooks and pickpockets, when in fact it is not (Environment, University & Palembang, 2019:67). Fishman (1971) defines the use of slang as highly transient, slang language does not have a precise and definite definition can only be understood by certain groups or communities from which the language originates. Fishman explained that the characteristic of slang is the reduction of language structure syntactically, or abbreviations, which include the omission of segment, the use of initials, the omission of names, and the addition of unusual vocabulary. Dumas and Lighter (1978) argue that an expression can be considered "true slang language" if it meets at least two criteria such as addressing the situation through a formal or serious conversation or in writing. In other words, it can also be considered as "misuse of confusing words", its use means the user knows it for some reason, or with a group that understands and uses the term, it was a taboo term in ordinary

conversation, used by people of higher social status or responsibility is more important, and replaces the "commonly used synonym". It is Very suitable for avoiding bad habits.

Watching movies is one of the most popular activities to do to entertain us and take a rest after a day of activities. Of course, everyone has their own preferences in choosing the type and genre of movie, such as tragedy, romance, comedy, horror, action, etc. Movies have their own uniqueness and characteristics. According to Ardianto (2004), there are some characteristics of movie such as, using a screen, shooting, full concentration, and psychology identification. Movies are closely related to human real life since its story based on the real-life problems. Therefore, it is one of the great ways to analysis slang since many movies contain slang. Watching is also one of the activities by using the eyes to see (pay attention) something. As one aspect of attention, watching tries to gather information both from television and from other people. In this case the Ministry of Education and Culture (1994: 592) states that watching is an activity using the eyes to see (pay attention). to find the main information of something that is seen. The main things that must be considered in watching include interest, attention, understanding.

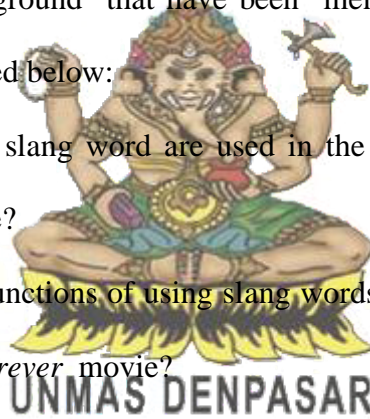
Furthermore, this study uses the animation movie entitled “To All the Boys Always and Forever” that released in 2021 by Matthew Kaplan and Chris Foss. This movie tells the story of Lara Jean (Lana Condor) who is on vacation in Korea with her family. He had to temporarily separate from his

lover, Peter Kavinsky (Noah Centineo). Even so, their relationship is still romantic through video calls. After returning to America, Lara Jean is enjoying her last years as a high school student. She also attended the prom with Peter and her school friends. And problems arise when Lara Jean is faced with the possibility of having to attend a different college from Peter. The two also have to undergo a long-distance relationship that they avoid the most.

1.2 Problems of the Study

Based on the background that have been mention, there are two problems which are formulated below:

1. What types of slang word are used in the *To All the Boys Always and Forever* movie?
2. What are the functions of using slang words found in the *To All the Boys Always and Forever* movie?



1.3 Objectives of the Study

Every research has a specific purpose or objective, to avoid deviation from what has been planned to be analysis, a research must have objective of study as their purpose. The objective of this analysis is:

1. To identify types of slang word found in *To All the Boys Always and Forever* movie?
2. To analyze the functions of slang words in *To All the Boys Always and Forever* movie?

1.4 Limitation of the Study

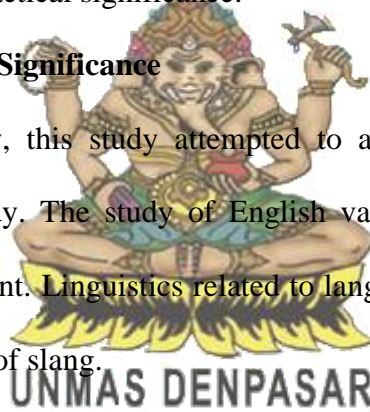
This study just limits the analysis for the types and functions of slang words in the film “To All the Boys Always and Forever” by using the theory of primary and secondary slang from Kipfer and Chapman (2007) and supporting theory from Allan and Burridge (2006).

1.5 Significance of the Study

This research has two kinds of significance of the study there theoretical significance and practical significance.

1.5.1 Theoretical Significance

Theoretically, this study attempted to approach the development of sociolinguistics study. The study of English variation, especially the use of slang in entertainment. Linguistics related to language diversity, especially the types and functions of slang.



1.5.2 Practical Significance

Practically, this research is to study function and type of slang words in the movie "To All the Boys Always and Forever" and to help the researcher understand about slang words. This study can be used as references for the next researchers to do a research about slang words.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE, CONCEPTS, AND THEORIES

2.1 Review of Related Literature

This subchapter presents the review of related literature. There are five previous studies presented in this research. Those studies are related with the topic of this study.

The first study related to slang and its function was conducted by Wahyu (2018) entitled “An Analysis on Slang Words in The Fate of The Furious 8 Movie”. The aim of this research is to identify the dominant types of slang used in *Fate of The Furious 8*. That study used observation methods by watching the movie, reading the script and all references, identifying the slang words, making code, clarifying the slang words, analyzing the data and drawing conclusions. The theories that were used to solve the problem are the theory from Yule (2010) about word formation. The results of this study found 43 slang words and also 6 types of slang words based on the word formation process. The most dominant type of word used is clipping. That previous research is related with this study. Both of the studies discuss about slang word. The difference between previous research and current research are previous research analyzed the film entitled *Fate of The Furious 8* while the current study analyzes a film entitled *To All the Boys Always and Forever*.

The second study was conducted by Putri (2020) in her study entitled “A Sociolinguistic Analysis of Slang Used by Cher Horowitz in

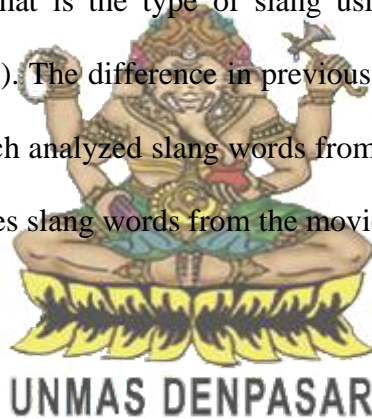
the Movie *Clueless*". The aims of that research are to analyze slang words and the function of slang words found in the movie *Clueless*. The theories used were the theory from Holmes (2001) used to analyze slang words and theory from Zhou and Fan (2013) used to find the function of slang words. The data in that study were collected by using observation method and analyzed using qualitative method. The results showed that found there were 29 slang words and 2 functions in the movie *Clueless*. The similarity between the previous research and the current research is the genre of the movie used as the data source which is romantic comedy. The difference of previous research with the current research that is in the data source, results and theory.

Third, article in research journals by Antari, Jendra, and Winartha (2021) entitled "Types of Slang Words in The Song Lyrics by Cardi B in The Invasion of Privacy Album". That research aims to know the types of slang words. The theory used is the theory from Partridge (2004) to know the types of slang. The analysis data in this study used qualitative methods. The results of this study indicate that there are three types of slang words found in the lyrics of the song *Cardi B in The Invasion of Privacy* album, namely society slang, slang in art, and slang in medicine. The similarity between current research and previous research is the same topic of analysis, which is about of slang. The difference between the current research and previous research is the previous research analyzed slang in song lyrics while the current study analyzes slang that found in movies.

The fourth related study was written by Utami, Jendra, and Sulatra (2022) entitled “The Analysis of Slang Language in Song Lyrics in the Bruno Mars "24K Magic Album". The aim of that research is to know the types of slang words used in the lyrics of the Bruno Mars song. This research used the method of observation which fetches data from listening to songs, reading and understanding the lyrics. After completing the data collection, the next step is to identify the slang words found in the lyrics of the song *24K Magic* album. Analysis of this research data used qualitative descriptive methods and used the theory from Kipfer and Chapman (2007) about the types of slang words. The results of this study show that there are 16 slang words based on the lyrics of the song *24K Magic* album. The similarity between previous studies and the current research is the same theory that is used by Kipfer and Chapman (2007). The difference between previous studies with this research is the data source. The previous research analyzed song lyrics in *24K Magic* album. Meanwhile, this research analyzes the slang words from movie entitled *To All the Boys Always and Forever*.

Wartati, Sulatra, and Utami (2022) also wrote an article entitled “Analysis of Slang Words in Song Lyrics by Megan Thee Stallion on Tina Snow Album”. That research aims to know the types of slang words and slang word formation process which is found in the lyrics of the song. The theory used in this research is the theory from Kipfer and Chapman (2007) to analyze slang words and theory Mattielo (2008) to analyze the process

of word formation in making slang words. Qualitative descriptive method was used in analyzing the data in this research. The results of this study indicate that there are two types of slang found in song lyrics of Megan Thee Stallion Tina Snow album, such are primary slang and secondary slang. In the process of word formation in the formation of slang words, in this research, they found 5 types from 15 types of word formation processes compounding, conversion, acronyms and initialisms, blending, clipping. The similarity of previous research and this research is the same topic analysis that is the type of slang using the theory of Kipfer and Chapman (2007). The difference in previous research with this research is previous research analyzed slang words from song lyrics while the current research analyzes slang words from the movie.



2.2 Concepts

There are three concepts in this research, they are: slang word and movie. In this study. This concept used to help research complete the problems.

2.2.1 Slang Word

Slang word is informal word that are often used by someone who already knows each other. Based on Adam (2009), slang is a type of speech, mostly used by teenagers, in communicating between group members in non-formal situations. Slang is one of the language variants used in English and all around the word.

2.2.2 Movie

Movie is a living image and also a Movie is often called a film, this film is collectively often referred to as cinema. Josef (2005:5) states that a film is a work of art if the movement appears of traceable rhythms with pauses and passages, and all aspects of the image are continuously connected to the whole.

2.3 Theories

This research theory can be divided into 2 parts, types of slang and functions slang. The first slang type theory uses the theory proposed by Kipfer and Chapman (2007) which consists of 2 types of slang. On the other hand, the theory of slang functions proposed by Allan and Burridge (2006) Consists of 7 slang functions. These two theories will be used to identify and recognize the slang words in the movie entitled "To All the Boys Always and Forever ". The explanations are formulated below:

2.3.1 Sociolinguistics

Sociolinguistics is defined as the study related to the relationship between languages and the context in which the language is used. In other words sociolinguistics is the branch of science that studies the relationship between language and society, namely the language used by the social structure place of residence of the speaker of that language. According to Wijana (2006:7) argues that sociolinguistics is a branch of linguistics that sees or requires the position of language in relation with language users in

society. This opinion basically follows the belief that humans in social life are no longer an individual but a social human being. And Nababan (1993:2) Explanatory sociolinguistics is language studies in relation to speakers of languages as members of society, or social aspects of language in relation to social/community factors. In addition, he added that sociolinguistics studies language in a socio-cultural context, connecting cultural factors and examining social functions and language use in society.

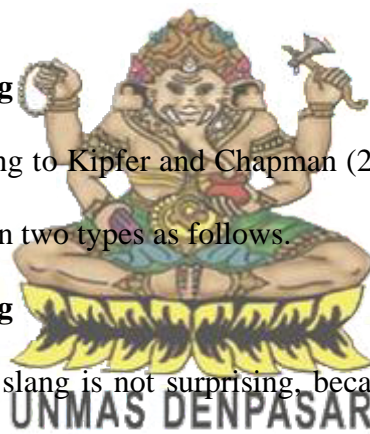
2.3.2 Types of Slang

According to Kipfer and Chapman (2007) the types of slang words can be divided in two types as follows.

2.3.2.1 Primary Slang

Primary slang is not surprising, because it can be considered as a subcultural language. Most people use slang which hard in everyday conversation, usually like a teenager. This is very commonly used by many people especially among teenagers in daily conversation and to express their feelings.

Example : Much of teenage talk and the speech of urban street gangs (Kipfer and Chapman, 2007: 8).



2.3.2.2 Secondary Slang

Secondary slang is usually a person or group that uses it in social interactions. The words were chosen not so much to fix a group as to express the attitude and wit of a person temporarily impersonating a street gang member or criminal, thereby expressing one's contempt and sense of superiority.

Example : When a mom says to her child, “my bad”. (Kipfer and Chapman, 2007: 8).

2.3.3 The Function of Slang

According to Allan and Burrige (2006) there are 7 functions of slang words namely to address, to form intimate atmosphere, to initiate relax conversation, to show impression, to show intimacy, to reveal anger, and to humiliate. Here are the explanations about those functions of slang words.

2.3.3.1 To Address

Speakers use slang to communicate with other speakers to maintain intimacy and close people often tend to use this informal greeting (Allan and Burrige, 2006: 133).

2.3.3.2 To Form the Intimate Atmosphere

People who usually use slang words or a formal word that expresses a relationship who became closer. And if the speaker becomes

more familiar it will allow them to be sexually involved which means it will show a close relationship (Allan and Burrridge, 2006: 134).

2.3.3.3 To Initiate Relax Conversation

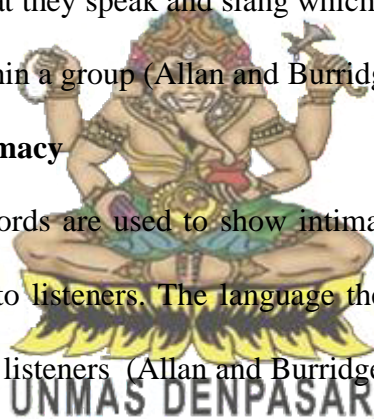
People who tend to start a casual conversation and are comfortable using slang words so that their conversation fluently in the formal situations (Allan and Burrridge, 2006: 137).

2.3.3.4 To Show Impression

This slang word to express an impression used by people through conversation that they speak and slang which is used seems to give a sense of intimacy within a group (Allan and Burrridge, 2006: 138).

2.3.3.5 To Show Intimacy

Slang words are used to show intimacy so that their conversation sounds similar to listeners. The language they use is changed to make it more like to the listeners (Allan and Burrridge, 2006: 141).



2.3.3.6 To Reveal Anger

Usually this slang word expresses an impression that expresses an expression of anger and it is heard more politely by people (Allan and Burrridge, 2006: 142).

2.3.3.7 To Humiliate

Slang is used to express an unpleasant feeling by making fun of people (Allan and Burrridge, 2006: 143).