CHAPTER IV

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

In this chapter, the results of the research are presented in detail on the findings and discussion section. The results answer the objectives of the research that are to identify and to describe the types and functions of taboo words in *Wild Child* movie. In the findings, the identify of the types and the functions of taboo words are described. Further analysis of each problem is presented in the discussion section.

A. Findings

1) Types of Taboo Words

a. Epithets

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
1	00:03:17 - 00:03:18 Mr. Moore: Go home, please, please, go home! Guest : Oh So uncool!	Uncool is boring, embrassing or not fashionable (Cambridge Dictionary)

In the conversation above, we can see when the wedding party ongoing, Poppy jumped down to the sea and many guests want to see her. Then, Mr. Moore asks the guests to go to his home and one of the guests felt lazy to go home. The guest said *uncool* which the meaning of it is boring.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
2	00:03:32 - 00:03:46	
2	Mr. Moore: I don't even recognize you anymore. All this	Trashier is something of extremely low quality or value (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2000)
	Poppy : So what? Big deal! You can just replace me with a newer, trashier version, like you did with Mom! Mr. Moore: You are going to boarding school in England and that's final.	

In the conversation above, we can see that Mr. Moore does not recognize Poppy anymore because her attitude. Mr. Moore forced her to school in England to improve her attitude. He wants to the best for her daughter.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
3	00:14:10 - 00:14:20	
	Matron: Three Sundays for	Moron is very stupid person
	everyone.	(Longman, Dictionary of
	Josie: Thanks a lot for that, you utter moron.	American English, 2000)
	Drippy: What are you, mental?	Mental is <i>illness of the</i>
		mind (Longman, Dictionary
		of American English, 2000)

Matron has given Josie and friends a punishment for three Sundays. Josie said *moron* to Matron which the meaning of it is very

stupid person. Then, Drippy said *mental* to Josie which the meaning of it is illness of the mind because she angry

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
4	00:15:09 - 00:15:19	
	Kate: Hey, get up. Wait for Mrs. Kingsley and the prefects.	Screw is <i>slightly crazy</i> (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2007)
	Poppy: Screw them. That is physical abuse. I'm calling my lawyer.	

Kate asked Poppy to stand up and forced her to do it. Because of that she wants to call her lawyer. She was very angry because it. For her, it is a physical abuse.

No.	Taboo words in conversatio	n Dictionary Meaning
5	00:27:14 - 00:27:37 Mrs. Kingsley: Well, my perso library seems to missing the beyond version of Free Friday. So, perhyou might try this	be book aky aps strange (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2007)
	Poppy : Oh my uncl producing the f version.	
	Mrs.Kingsley: Alice Wonderland originally a bo You might surpr yourself a actually enjoy it.	ok.
	Poppy : This is punishment? T school is so weird	'his

Mrs. Kingsley says that Poppy have to read about Alice in Wonderland book as her punishment, while Poppy does not like reading book, she just like read the magazine Us Weekly and she more like movies.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
6	00:36:35 - 00:36:48	
	Kiki : If you make enough of a nuisance of yourself	Nuisance is someone or something that annoys you or causes of problems (Longman, Dictionary of
	Mr. Nellist : Poppy Moore!	American English, 2007)
	Kiki : She will eventually bow to pressure, and she will have to call your father.	
	Mrs. Kingsley: Naturally I will call her father, but she's had a difficult time.	

At Mr. Nellist's lesson, Poppy Moore was accused to making trouble. Her cassette was played on her CD room. So, the class was become chaotic.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
7	O0:37:22 - 00:37:43 Harriet: She is not staying. Take it from me. Five generations of my family have made this school great. The school motto is scholarship, fellowship, loyalty. Not be a slutty, whore-y shitbrain. Jane and Charlotte: So brilliant, Harriet!	Slutty is sexual, immoral woman (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2000)

Harriet tells to her friends that five generation of her family have made the Abbey Mount school is great. She said that the school did not to produce be a slutty person.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
8	00:49:24 - 00:49:36	
	Poppy: Are you okay? Kate : I'm furious. Stupid Drippy. Poppy: I know. Never mind. Let us go.	Stupid is showing bad judgment or a lack of intelligence (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2007)

Kate and Drippy enter to a store, but after some minutes they did not buy anything. At the cashier, Kate was shy because it and she asked Drippy to buy something but Drippy only bought some candies.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
9	00:51:52 - 00:52:00	
	Poppy : Hi!	Dwarf is very small person
	Freddie: Hello, trouble. I like	(Longman, Dictionary of
	your hair.	American English, 2000)
	Harriet: What are you doing?	-
	This is a themed	Prostitute is someone who
	costume party, not a	have sex with people or
	dwarf prostitute's	money (Longman,
	convention!	Dictionary of American
		English, 2000)

In a costume party, Poppy met and accosted to Freddie. Freddie was spellbound when he saw Poppy's costume while accosted Poppy too and said that he like her hair. At the same time, Harriet told to

Poppy that party is the themed party but Poppy wore undershirt and mini-skirt.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
13	Poppy: Freddie can do the honours. Harriet: You really are a horridious piece of work!	Horridious is extremely unpleasant (School dictionary of American English, 2008)
	Poppy: Mr. Darcy does not think so!	

Harriet was angry to Poppy because Freddie, the man that she loved just accost to Poppy and she does not suppose that Freddie knows Poppy's name.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
14	00:54:22 - 00:54:45	Gay is someone, especially
	Poppy: Okay. Leading lady, all boys at school, awkward with intimacy. Cards on the table. Are you gay?	a man, who is sexually attracted to people of the same sex (Longman, Dictionary of American
	(LAUGH)	English, 2007)
	Freddie: Just English. And I am sober and sensible, and you, my sweet friend are overexcited and concussed.	

In this context, Poppy said it humorously because Freddie dodges when Poppy wanted to kiss him.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
No. 15	Taboo words in conversation 01:06:06 - 01:06:36 Poppy: What happened? Her friends: Dear Ruby, you cannot imagine how retarded these idiots are. They are a bunch of ugly losers who think a mani-pedi is a Latin	Idiots is foolish, stupid person (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2000)
	greeting. I despise these village idiots, but I have to pretend to like them so they will help me get out of this hell hole. I tried doing it on my own and it was impossible. Still, they are so thick they will never realize. I will be out of asylum by the end of term.	American English, 2000) Losers is the person who never successful in life (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2000)

Poppy's friends read the letter from Poppy for her friend who stays in America via email. She is Ruby. Poppy always communicate with her. In the content of the letter, she felt to be mad because all of girls at the Abbey Mount School are very outdated. They never pay attention to their appearance. She tells all resentment in her heart to Ruby. She does not enjoy to staying at the school. Actually, the letter was not written by Poppy, but someone had written that letter. She just sacrifices of slander.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
16	01:07:19 - 01:07:36	
	Poppy: So, all I have to do is hook up with the headmaster's son, and it's	Dweeb is a weak, slightly strange person who is not popular or fashionable (Longman, Dictionary of

expel English gross l	thing that they me. He's a total dweeb. Pretty out an easy target. He a week, tops.	American English, 2007)
(DOOR OPEN	IING)	
(DOOR CLOS	SING)	
Poppy: I can e	xplain.	

Poppy had written the letter to Freddie, she tells that her friends had expelled her because of the letter that makes them angry. But Freddie did not care about that.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
17	01:23:13 - 01:23:21	
	Harriet: This is ridiculous! What are you all doing? You're lying. They're lying, Mrs. Kingsley.	Ridiculous is silly or unreasonable (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2007)
	Drippy: Harriet you are going down, biatch!	

Harriet disagreed that her friends defend on to Poppy in plenary session about cause of fire. She opposed to Mrs. Kingsley immediately because she wants to cover up her mistake.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
18	01:23:52 - 01:24:02	
	Charlotte: What lighter, Harriet?	Daft is <i>silly or crazy</i> (Longman, Dictionary of
	Harriet : Jesus, Charlotte, how daft can you possibly be? That ridiculous "I	American English, 2007)

heart LA" lighter hers. She left it behir for God's sakes.	
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Charlotte was confused that how Harriet knows about the lighter. She was upset to Charlotte because she cannot compromise with her about her mistake.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
19	01:24:27 - 01:24:40 Poppy: Freddie found the lighter before anyone saw it. How could you possibly know unless Unless you were there? Harriet: This is absurd! I refuse	Absurd is completely reason able or silly (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2007)
	to sit here and listen to these wild	

In this conversation, Harriet did not expect that Freddie had found the lamp, which made him upset.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
20	01:24:51 - 01:25:07	
	Poppy: It all makes sense now. I knew it. I think I'm innocent.	Bitch is <i>female dog</i> (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2000)
	Jane and Charlotte: We think so, too.	
	Harriet: You're not! You awful bitch! You've turned this school upside down. You've ruined everything. You started	

it. I only finished what	
you started!	

In this conversation, Harriet did not accept that Poppy was found not guilty in front of all students.

b. Profanity

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
21	00:19:35 - 00:19:55	
	Drippy: How many boys have	Christ is the man who is
	you shagged?	worship by Christian as the
	Poppy: Well, there was Brandon,	son of God (Longman,
	eight-pack. Chase, Jock,	Dictionary of American
	Tyler. Bajillionaire,	English, 2007)
	Derek, he was Kelly	
	Slater's cousin.	
	Josie : Christ!	

In this conversation, we can see that Drippy asked to Poppy about how many boys that she shagged. Then Poppy answered with arrogant face and mentioned it fast. Then Josie confirms the statement and utters the word. Which the meaning of Christ is *the man who is worship by Christian as the son of God*.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
22	01:09:50 - 01:10:04	
	Poppy: Kate, Kate. Wake up!	Jesus is the person who
	Kate: What is wrong now?	Christians believe was the son of God and whose lie
	Poppy: I did not mean to do it. It	and teachings (Longman,
	was an accident. I thought	Dictionary of American
	I put it out. I thought I	English, 2007)
	had stopped it. I do not	
	know what happened. I	

	did not want to hurt
	anybody.
Kate:	Jesus, Poppy. You are a proper psycho.

In this conversation, Kate is angry to Poppy after she read the letter who written by Harriet. Actually, the letter was not written by Poppy, but Harriet.

c. Vulgarity

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
23	00:31:36 - 00:32:23	Asshole is stupid annoying
	Poppy: Why would you do this for me? You think I am a total asshole.	person (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2000)
	Kate: No, you behave like an asshole. There is a difference. Look, I know that I'm not some	
	Malibu therapist, but I can guess that you are feeling scared and a little bit homesick. This,	
	in my experience, does not actually make you a bad person. Just a normal one. Sweet	
	photo. Is it your mum? She is going to come out and visit?	

In this conversation, Kate said something honest but painful for Poppy

d. Obscenity

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
25	00:19:55 - 00:20:03	
	Poppy: I mean sick body, sick mind.	Shit is something of no value, worthless, or unpleasant person
	Drippy: Shit! Kate!	(Longman, Dictionary of
	Kate: Sorry, Drip. It looked	American English, 2000)
	lighter on the box.	

In this conversation, Kate took Drippy's favorite lighter.

No.	Taboo words in conversation	Dictionary Meaning
26	00:43:12 - 00:43:19 Poppy: Ew! Gross! Where are we going? Josie: To our favorite shop.	Gross is spoken very unpleasant to look at or think about (Longman, Dictionary of American English, 2007)

In this conversation, Poppy shocks when she saw the dog she shocks when arrives in destination place but she dislike that place. Then she asked to Josie about where they are going. Josie answered that they will going to favorite shop.

This section describes the findings of the research on taboo words uttered by the characters in Wild Child movie. From the analysis process, the total data collected in the research are 29 data and displayed in the table.

B. Discussion

In this section, the researcher discusses the findings in dept to answer the problem formulation stated in Chapter I. To provide a complete explanation, some data from the appendix are taken as the examples. This section consists of two parts. The first part is related to the types of taboo words in *Wild Child* movie, which is presented to answer the first formulation of the problem and the second part is about the functions of taboo words, which is presented to answer the second formulation. The discussion starts from the types of taboo words.

1. Types of Taboo Words

There are four types of taboo words produced by the characters in *Wild Child* movie. They are epithet, profanity, vulgarity, and obscenity. Each of them is explained one by one followed by some examples.

a) Epithet

Epithet becomes the most dominant type used by the characters in *Wild Child* movie. The writer finds 26 epithet words that occur during the conversation between the characters in *Wild Child* movie.

(Example 1)

00-51:52-00:52:00

Poppy : Hi!

Freddie: Hello, trouble. I like your hair.

Harriet: What are you doing? This is a themed costume party, not

a dwarf prostitute's convention!

In this conversation, Freddie uses the taboo word "trouble" when he

meet Poppy because he knew that she often make trouble everywhere. But he

is fascinated by the Poppy's appearance. While Harriet uses the taboo words

"dwarf prostitute" when she talks to Poppy, she was very angry because

Poppy's costume is too hot and it makes all people feel surprise, especially

Freddie. Aware of it, she expressed her jealous with say that phrase.

(Example 2)

01:24:51 - 01:25:07

Poppy: It all makes sense now. I knew it. I think I'm innocent.

Jane and Charlotte: We think so, too.

Harriet: You're not! You awful bitch! You've turned this school upside

down. You've ruined everything. You started it. I only finished what

you started!

The next description is the taboo word bitch that is spoken by Harriet

means female dog or other animal of the dog family, the word bitch refers to

derogatory a woman especially cruel and an unpleasant one, the word bitch

also refers to unkind or bed tempered. However, in this conversation the

utterance bitch is included taboo epithet

(Example 3)

00:17:06 - 00:17:29

Poppy: Hey, watch the shmere, girlfriend. Two hundred goals died for this.

Harriet: we meet again. How sublime. Learn the rules. When it comes to right of way, there is an hierarch. Teachers, perfects, scholars, dogs, vermin, Americans. Kate? See to it she falls in line.

In the conversation, the words are talked by Harriet to Poppy in the corridor of Abbey Mount School, when the time to study was break. She talks about the rule of school that must be obedient by Poppy.

The speaker of the phrase is Harriet. She was the leader of the Student Council at the Abbey Mount School. From the beginning, she did not like Poppy, because Poppy does not subject to her. Poppy became the center of attention of all students in the school. It all makes Harriet so angry and jealous. While they both met, Poppy and Harriet always fighting and insulting each other. Harriet says that American has position below a dog and vermin. It means the American's position is very low.

(Example 4)

The word is said by Poppy to Freddie when they got out of the party.

Poppy deliberately planned it to be able to chat with both of his. So she can get close to Freddie.

00:54:22 - 00:54:38

Poppy: Okay. Leading lady, all boys at school, awkward with intimacy. Cards on the table. Are you gay?

(LAUGH)

Freddie: Just English. And I am sober and sensible, and you, my

sweet friend are overexcited and concussed.

The speaker of the word is Poppy when she gaps with Freddie. The

word "gay" is a person who has sex with the same sex. In this context, Poppy

says it humorously because Freddie dodges when Poppy wanted to kiss him.

The setting of the conversation is a quiet living room.

(Example 5)

This word is said by Harriet to Poppy. She talks about the hot Poppy's

costume. Harriet is so jealous because she gets all of Freddie's attention. It

makes her so angry.

00:51:52 - 00:52:00

Poppy: Hi!

Freddie: Hello, trouble. I like your hair.

Harriet: What are you doing? This is a themed costume party, not a

dwarf prostitute's convention!

The speaker of the word is Harriet, she was very angry because

Poppy's costume is too hot and it makes all of people feel so surprise,

especially Freddie. He is fascinated by the Poppy's appearance. Aware of it,

she expressed her jealous feeling with say that phrase. The setting of that

conversation in the party room, in a crowd.

The dialog in 5 examples above shows that the utterance is epithet.

Epithet is characterized by the existence of several types of slurs, such as

wop, raghead, bitch or fag. Other references that are included as epithet are

connected to race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, one's appearance, and

disabilities such as nigger, and retard, motherfucker, tit-man (Batistella,

2005: 72).

b) Profanity

This word is said by Josie to Poppy. She talks about her ex-boyfriend.

Josie shocks when she hear about Poppy's story.

00:19:35 - 00:19:55

Drippy: How many boys have you shagged?

Poppy: well, there was Brandon, eight-pack. Chase, Jock, Tyler.

Bajillionaire, Derek, he was Kelly Slater's cousin.

Josie: Christ!

The taboo word in the sentence above is *Jesus Christ*. The name of

Jesus is dealing with Christ where he is the God name of Christian people.

From sample Jesus Christ is classified as taboo words means the feeling

surprise. The utterance Jesus Christ is included as taboo words because

Jesus Christ is religious include of word that should not be said in every

places. However, Nick is shock when he looks Darby kill other prisoner.

Based on the type's taboo words, the utterance Jesus Christ is classified as

taboo words that included as taboo of profanity. The setting of that

conversation is their bedroom.

c) Vulgarity

Vulgarity is different from the other two types above because it refers to words or expressions that contain sexual anatomy and excretory function in a rough manner such as *ass, tit, c**k, dick,* and *cunt.* Vulgarity is believed to demonstrate the raw expression of street language. Therefore the use of vulgar language is usually to humiliate or bring down the thing or individual referred to.

In the findings, the writer finds 2 vulgar words that occur during the conversation between the characters in *Wild Child* movie. This type has the same amount as profanity which takes the second place. An example that shows vulgarity can be seen in the following conversation.

00:31:36 - 00:32:23

Poppy: Why would you do this for me? You think I am a total asshole.

Kate: No, you behave like an asshole. There is a difference. Look, I

know that I'm not some Malibu therapist, but I can guess that you are

feeling scared and a little bit homesick. In my experience, does not

actually make you a bad person. Just a normal one. Sweet photo. Is it

your mum? She is going to come out and visit?

In this conversation, Asshole in the sentence above is a word that classified as taboo word that include to taboo of vulgarity. The reason assholes classified as taboo vulgarity is assholes means a vulgarism to describe the anus, often pejoratively used to refer to people. Asshole is a bad

word which is avoided in our society, because it can insult and make other

people are shamed and angry. These utterances are taboo in our culture and

include of bad words that should not be said in every places. From the

sentence above, it means Poppy offended by Kate's utterance that regards

her as a foolish girl. So that Poppy uses asshole to make sure to Kate

whether she is like that.

d) Obscenity

Obscenity is described as a term which characterized sex

differentiating anatomy or sexual and excretory function in a crude way such

as fuck and shit. Obscenity and vulgarity have the same reference but both are

different. In Wild Child movie, obscenity appears 2 times and presented

below.

00:19:55 - 00:20:03

Poppy: I mean sick body, sick mind

Drippy: Shit! Kate!

Kate: Sorry, Drip. It looked lighter on the box.

2. **Functions of Taboo Words**

This section discusses the functions of taboo words uttered by the

characters in Wild Child movie. The detailed explanations in this part answer the

second research question stated in Chapter I. All four functions of taboo words,

there are to draw attention to oneself, to show contempt, to be provocative and to

mock authority are presented with some examples below.

a) To Draw Attention to Oneself

To draw attention to oneself appears 10 times in this research. This

function can occur when someone utters a taboo word which has a strong

connotation to gain the listener's attention. Moreover, by using strong and

powerful language such as taboo word, the listeners will immediately respond

the speaker's utterance. Here are some examples to draw attention to oneself.

(Example 1)

00:02:58 - 00:03:00

Girl 2: There might be sharks.

Girl 3: Someone do something.

Poppy: Welcome to Malibu, bitch!

In this conversation, the dialogue was said by Poppy to her friends and

her father's new wife, when she held a wild party at her house. Poppy

plunged into the shallow sea and say welcome to her father's new wife. The

speaker of the word is Poppy Moore, she says welcome to her new mother.

Actually, her words are an expression of distaste because she never agreed

her father get marry again. When she held a wild party, she expressed it to her

friends trough plunge into shallow sea at her house.

b) To Show Contempt

To show contempt appears show contempt appears 15 times in this

research. This function can occurs when people utter taboo words to show

their disrespect feeling toward the addressee. It can be said that the aim of the

speaker is to offend their opposite pride because they feel that their opposite

partners are completely worthless. To make the 56 definition clearer, there are

three examples of this function that are explained one by one below.

(Example)

01:06:06 - 01:06:36

Poppy: What happened?

Her friends: Dear Ruby, you cannot imagine how retarded these idiots

are. They are a bunch of ugly losers who think a mani-pedi is a Latin

greeting. I despise these village idiots, but I have to pretend to like

them so they will help me get out of this hell hole. I tried doing it on

my own and it was impossible. Still, they are so thick they will never

realize. I will be out of asylum by the end of term.

In this conversation, the word is said by Poppy to her friend who stays

in America via email. She is Ruby. Poppy always try to communicate with

her, so she have to go to computer room in the midnight. She felt She felt to

be mad because all of girls at the Abbey Mount School are very outdated.

They never pay attention to their appearance. Poppy tell all resentment in his

heart to Ruby, her friend in the United States via email. Poppy does not enjoy

staying at the school.

c) To be Provocative

To be provocative function takes the third position and it occurs once

from the whole conversations in Wild Child movie. This function happens

when a speaker utters taboo words to provoke a certain response from the

listener such as violation or anger. The application of taboo words in

someone's utterance is believed to be the most effective method for inviting a

chaotic reaction. Therefore, some people tend to choose the employment of

taboo words in their conversation to get the expected response from the

listener. An example of to be provocative function is shown in the following

conversation.

00:14:10-00:14:20

Matron: Three Sundays for everyone.

Josie: Thanks a lot for that, you utter moron.

Drippy: What are you, mental?

d) To Mock Authority

To mock authority function has the lowest frequency than other

functions of taboo words and from 29 data, this function only appears once.

This function can occur when people utter taboo words because they are not

satisfied with public images such as the government and institutions.

Therefore, they utter taboo words that are directed to mock authority in order

to show their disbelief about governmental stuffs. To make the explanation

clearer, there is an example of conversation which shows to mock authority function which is present below.

00:27:14 - 00:27:37

Mrs. Kingsley: Well, my personal library seems to be missing the book version of Freaky Friday. So, perhaps you might try this

Poppy: Oh my uncle's producing the film version.

Mrs. Kingsley: Alice in Wonderland was originally a book. You might surprise yourself and actually enjoy it.

Poppy: This is my punishment? This school is so weird.

In conversation, Mrs. Kingsley says that Poppy have to read about Alice in Wonderland book as her punishment, while Poppy does not like reading.

There are four types of taboo words; there are epithet, profanity, vulgarity, and obscenity. All of them appear in conversations spoken by the characters in the movie.

In term of types of taboo words in Wild Child movie, epithet is employed 10 times, and this number hugely different from other types. Epithet becomes the most frequent type used by the character because it is considered to the most effective to way insult someone.

As for the functions of taboo words, to show contempt becomes the most dominant function found in *Wild Child* movie because taboo words can be best expression to show disrespect toward other people since they are directed and

aimed to hurt the opposite. In wild child movie, the characters utter taboo words when they want to show their dislike toward someone. Then, to emphasize their disrespect, taboo word is chosen as the best way to express their feeling. Meanwhile, to mock authority function becomes the least to occur in *Bad Teacher* movie. This function only appears once in the movie because actually the theme of the movie is a teenager in Senior High School which is not concerned in criticizing governmental stuffs.