

CHAPTER III

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

A. Findings

In this research, the writer took 15 episodes as sample from total 152 episodes (from season 1 until season 9), it's about 10% of total population. This was based on Gay and Diehl, a descriptive research could only take 10% of population (Gay & Diehl, 1992).

The writer watched the film, listened to the conversation of the characters and read the transcript to find out the simile used in this film. Then the writer took note all the utterances in the film that contain simile.

To present the data analysis the writer uses some methods since the analysis of this study is about finding simile, analyzing its structure and also its meaning in The Spongebob Squarepants The Series.

Table 3.1
The Total of Simile Based on Episode

| Episode | Simile |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Krusty Krab Training Video | 2 |
| Spongebob vs Patty Gadget | 4 |
| 20.000 Paties under the Sea | 4 |
| Mermaid man and Barnacle Boy V | 3 |
| Squilliam Returns | 2 |
| Club Spongebob | 1 |

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| Sing A Song of Patrick | 5 |
| The Two Faces of Squidward | 2 |
| The Bully | 3 |
| No Weenies Allowed | 1 |
| Mid-life Crustacean | 3 |
| Born Again Krabs | 2 |
| Have You Seen This Snail | 2 |
| Squid Wood | 1 |
| Best Frenemies | 2 |
| Total | 37 |

In the table above, there are 1 episode (Sing A Song Patrick) contains 5 similes, 2 episodes (Spongebob vs Patty Gadget and 20.000 Under The Sea) contain 4 similes, 3 episodes (Mermaidman and Barnacleboy V, The Bully, and Mid-life Crustacean) contain 3 similes, 6 episodes (Krusty Krab Training Video, Squilliam Returns, The Two Faces of Squidward, Born Again Krabs, and Have You Seen This Snail) contain 2 similes, and 3 episodes (Club Spongebob, No Weenies Allowed, and Squid Wood) contain 1 simile.

The writer also made the categorization of similes found in Spongebobs Squarepants the series based on their markers.

Table 3.2
The Total of Simile Based on Simile's Markers

| Simile's Markers | Simile |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Using Like | 28 |
| Using As | 6 |
| Not Using Like or As | 3 |
| Total | 37 |

In the table 3.2 above, the writer shows the total of expression that uses simile based on the marker. The sentences that use *like* as simile's marker are 28 expression. The sentences that use *as* as simile's marker are 6 expressions. Lastly, The sentences that doesn't use *like* or *as* as simile's marker are 3 expressions (they used adjective comparative with than).

B. Discussions

In this part, the writer would analyzed every simile expression found in 15 episodes of Spongebob Squarepant the series. To find the meaning of the simile, the writer should know what are the tenor, vehicle, ground, the marker, and the topic.

1. Episode : Krusty Krab Training Video

In one scene Narrator said, "*Like precious, precious blood in an animal, customers are what keeps the Krusty Krab strong and alive.*"

In the simile form 'Like precious, precious blood in an animal, customers are what keeps the Krusty Krab strong and alive', the tenor is word costumers, the vehicle is word blood. the ground is what keeps it strong and alive. the marker is word like and, the topic is description of costumer.

The meaning of that simile form is the Narrator described the costumers of Krusty Krab as blood in animal. Blood is the essence of life (Webster, 1999, p.35). The fact is the blood that flows in body of animals make them strong and be able to do their activities. All living creatures including Animal cannot live without blood. The simile that used by Narrator shows that Costumers are very important for Krusty Krab.

In another scene Narrator said, "*Like the lost gold of Atlantis, many consider the Krabby Patty to be a treasure. And as with every treasure, there's a thief ready steal it*"

In the simile form 'Like the lost gold of Atlantis, many consider the Krabby Patty to be a treasure. And as with every treasure, there's a thief ready steal it', the tenor is word Krabby Patty, the vehicle is lost gold of Atlantis, the ground is many consider it to a treasure, the marker is word like and the topic is description of Krabby Patty.

The meaning of that simile form is the narrator described the Krabby Patty is like lost gold of Atlantis. Based on Oxford Learner's Pocket Dictionary, gold is a precious metal (2008, p.191), and Atlantis

is the lost continent that according to legend contains a lot of precious thing. So, the expression the lost gold of of Atlantis makes it more valuable. The simile that said by Narrator shows that Krabby Patty is very precious that make it as a target by a lot of thieves.

2. Episode : Spongebob vs Patty Gadget

In one scene Mr Krab said. *"Have to admit, that patty was yummy. Though it sits like a rock, when it lands in me tummy."*

In the simile form 'Though it sits like a rock, when it lands in me tummy', the tenor is it, the vehicle is a rock, the ground is how it sit, the marker is like, and the topic is description of it.

The meaning of this simile is Mr. Krab compared the word it which refers to patty, to a rock. It indicates in the bottom of Mr. Krab's tummy will be full with patty.

After that scene Narrator said, *"Then he held up two spatulas and leapt like a spring."*

In the simile form 'Then he held up two spatulas and leapt like a spring', the tenor is he, the vehicle is a spring, the ground is the leap, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of he.

The meaning of this simile is Narrator compared the word he which refers to Spongebob, to spring. It indicates the way Spongebob jump is very high like leaping spring.

In the next scene, Narrator said, "*The gadget buckled and sparked. It cracked like a gun. So Squidward took off, yelling-*"

In the simile form 'It cracked like a gun', the tenor is it, the vehicle is a gun, the ground is the sound, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of it.

The meaning of this simile is Narrator compared the sound of the gadget to sound of gun, when cracked. It indicates the sound from the gadget was very loud.

In the next scene Narrator says, "*Quick as a flash, squidward pulled the big lever, and then sat back, feeling oh, so quite clever.*"

In the simile form 'Quick as a flash, squidward pulled the big lever, and then sat back, feeling oh, so quite clever', the tenor is Squidward action in pulling the big lever, the vehicle is flash, the ground is Squidward's speed in pulling, the marker is as, and the topic is the description of Squidward action in pulling the big lever.

The meaning of this simile form is the narrator compares the speed of Squidward when pulling with flash. Flash is a sudden bright light (Webster, 1999, p.124). So based on the definition by Webster, the action of Squidward in pulling the lever is very fast.

3. Episode: 20.000 Patties Under The Sea

In one scene Plankton said, "*I'm Plankton, you old hag. And your son smells like boogers.*"

In the simile form ‘And your son smells like boogers’, the tenor is your son, the vehicle is boogers, the ground is the smell, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of your son.

The meaning of this simile is Plankton compared *your son* to boogers. According to InternetSlang.com (2002) boogers is dried nose mucus. So, Plankton tried to mock and ridicule him by saying mucus.

In another scene Sea Monster yelled.” *Hey, a chocolate éclair! Now that looks like dessert to me!*”

In the simile form ‘Now that looks like dessert to me!’, the tenor is that, the vehicle is dessert, the ground is what it seems, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of that.

The meaning of this simile is Sea Monster compared Plankton to a dessert. It indicates that Plankton was looked so delicious in his eyes.

In other scene Janitor said,” *There you are, Mr. Krabs, just like new again.*”

In the simile form ‘There are you, Mr. Krab, just like new again’, the tenor is there you are, the vehicle is new again, the ground is the condition, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of there are you.

The meaning of this simile is Janitor compared something broken, after he fixed it, to something new. It indicates his ability in fixing something was really good.

In the next scene Spongebob said, "Oh, *no. You burnt all the patties. It's hard as a rock. How are we gonna find someone who would buy these?*"

In the simile form 'It's hard as a rock', the tenor is all the patties, the vehicle is rock, the ground is the hard condition, the marker is as and the topic is the description of all the patties.

The meaning of this simile form is SpongeBob expresses the condition of patty that burnt by Patrick is overcooked. He describes it hardened like rock. According to Oxford Learner's Pocket Dictionary rock is a hard solid mineral (2008, p.382). So, it's hard to find someone who want to buy it, because its condition isn't good anymore.

4. Episode: Mermaid man and Barnacle boy V

In one scene Barnacle boy said, "*Don't you see what you're doing? You're treating me like a child.*"

In the simile form 'You're treating me like a child', the tenor is me, the vehicle is child, the ground is how you treat me, the marker is like, the topic is the description of me.

The meaning of this simile is Barnacle boy compared the way mermaid man treated him to the way he treat child. It indicates that make Barnacle boy felt being conscended and underestimated.

In another scene Barnacle boy said, "I want to be treated like a superhero, not a sidekick"

In the simile form ‘I want to be treated like a superhero, not sidekick’, the tenor is I, the vehicle is a superhero, the ground how to be treated, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of I.

The meaning of this simile is Barnacle boy wanted to be treated like superhero, not only just a subordinate of Mermaid man.

In other scene Sandy says, *”You just tell us where they are, Chief, and we’ll tie them faster than you can say Salsa Verde.”*

In the simile form ‘We’ll tie them faster than you can say Salsa Verde’, the tenor is we’ll tie them, the vehicle is you can say Salsa Verde, the ground is the speed to tying, the marker is comparative adjective with than and the topic is the description of tying.

The meaning of this simile is Sandy compared her speed of tying to the speed of saying Salsa Verde. Salsa verde according to Jamie Oliver on his article, is a herby green sauce from Mexico. The point is, Salsa Verde are two very short words, saying them may only take a second. Sandy describes her speed in tying is faster than it. So, that shows that her ability in tying is very quick.

5. Episode : Squilliam returns

In one scene Squidward said, *”Anyone can be a big shot in a hick town like Bikini Bottom.”*

In the simile form ‘Anyone can be a big shot in a hick town like Bikini Bottom’, the tenor is Bikini Bottom, the vehicle is hick town,

the ground is the condition, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of Bikini Bottom

The meaning of this simile Squidward compared Bikini Bottom to hick town. It indicates he felt disgusted with clownish behaviour of people in this town

In another scene Squilliam says, "*What really won me over was your brilliant waiter. It's as if all he knows is fine dining and breathing.*"

In the simile form 'It's as if all he knows is fine dining and breathing', the tenor is word all he knows, the vehicle is fine dining and breathing, the ground is his knowledge, the marker is as, and the topic is the description of all he knows.

The meaning of this simile is squilliam represents his amazement to Squidward. He said as though the only things the waiter understands in all his life is breathing and making good food. He aligned the action of inhaling and exhaling air to live as living creature (The American Heritage Dictionary, 2009) with fine dining, which indicates the waiter must be very great on it.

6. Episode: Club Spongebob

Squidward said, "*That tells you NOTHING! As if the answers to all your problems will fall right out of the sky!*"

In the simile form ‘As if the answers to all your problems will fall right out of the sky!’, the tenor is word the answer to all your problems, the vehicle is something that can fall right out from the sky, the ground is how it can fall right out from the sky, the marker is as, and the topic is the description of the answer to all your problem

The meaning of this simile is Squidward compared the result of illogical thing that Spongebob did to something that can fall right out from the sky, which indicates the situation was impossible.

7. Episode: Sing A Song of Patrick

In one scene Patrick said, *“Nothing satisfies like a good story.”*

In the similie form ‘Nothing satisfies like a good story’, the tenor is word nothing, the vehicle is a good story, the ground is how it satisfies, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of nothing.

The meaning of this simile is patrick compare nothing to a good story. It means there is no single thing that can exceed a real good story. A good story will always be remembered by the listeners, that makes it so special.

In another scene Patrick said, *“It's a sign! A sign that fell from the back of your pants! I've learned to trust signs like that”*

In the simile form ‘I've learned to trust signs like that’, the tenor is signs, the vehicle is that, the ground is what patrick trusted, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of signs.

The meaning of this simile is Patrick tried to believe that sign, because he has learned the other signs similar to it.

In other scene Patrick sang, *"Twinkle, twinkle, Patrick Star, I made myself a sandwich, My mommy named it "Fred", It tastes like beans and bacon, And smells like it's been dead"*

In the simile form 'It tastes like beans and bacon', the tenor is it, the vehicle is beans and bacon, the ground is the taste, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of it.

The meaning of this simile is Patrick compare the word it that refers to sandwich, to beans and bacon. It indicates the sandwich taste good and delicious.

After that scene Patrick sang, *"Twinkle, twinkle, Patrick Star, I made myself a sandwich, My mommy named it "Fred", It tastes like beans and bacon, And smells like it's been dead"*

The simile form 'And smells like it's been dead', the tenor is word it, the vehicle is it's been dead, the ground is the smell, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of it.

The meaning of this simile is that Patrick compare word it which refers to sandwich to dead thing. It indicates the sandwich had bad smell or stinky.

In the next scene Squidward said, *"Patrick, it smells like something crawled in your brain and died!"*

In the simile form ‘Patrick, it smells like something crawled in your brain and died!’, the tenor is word it, the vehicle is something crawled in your brain and died, the ground is how it smells, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of it.

The meaning of this simile is Squidward compared the smell of Patrick’s head to random animal corpse. The word crawled is indicated that ex-living thing is just came and died. Squidward tried to express his hatred to Patrick by using this simile, because he felt Patrick had polluted his air breath.

8. Episode: The Two Faces of Squidward

In one scene Squidward said, *“Welcome to the Krusty Krab. Where it's almost as if the evolutionary clock ticks backwards.”*

In the simile form ‘Where it’s almost as if the evolutionary clock ticks backwards’, the tenor is it, the vehicle is clock ticks backwards, the ground is the evolutionary, the marker is as, and the topic is the description of it.

The meaning of this simile is Squidward described how bored the condition in Krusty Krab, so he felt like the clock moved backward.

In other scene Spongebob and Patrick sang, *“Squidward had a krabby patty, Krabby patty, krabby patty. Who’s buns white as snow.”*

In the simile form ‘Who’s buns white as snow’, the tenor is word buns, the vehicle is snow, the ground is its colour, cleanness, and beauty, the marker is as, and the topic is the description of buns.

The meaning of this simile is Spongebob and Patrick want to praise the bun that made in Krabby Patty. They compared the bun to beautiful clean white snow. It indicates the bun was very delicious, good and attractive .

9. Episode: The Bully

In one scene SpongeBob said, *”Hey, you know, life's like a bucket of wood shavings. Except for when the shavings are in a pail, then it's like a pail of wood shavings!”*

In the simile form ‘Hey, you know, life's like a bucket of wood shavings’, the tenor is word life, the vehicle is a bucket of wood shavings, the ground is uncategorized is it, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of life.

The meaning of this simile is Spongebob tried to compare life with a bucket of wood shavings or a pail of wood shavings. It means, whatever the container was made from, is always wood shavings inside it. Same with life, however a living one faces it, life still has many problems for him. So, it depend on the living, to choose to be bucket or a pail. Spongebobs said this when Flats want to beat him up.

In another scene SpongeBob said, *"Hey, you know, life's like a bucket of wood shavings. Except for when the shavings are in a pail, then it's like a pail of wood shavings!"*

In the simile form 'Then, it's like a pail of wood shavings', the tenor is word life, the vehicle is a pail of wood shavings, the ground is uncategorized is it, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of life.

The meaning of this simile is exactly same with a bucket of wood shaving. Spongebob just used synonym, different word with same meaning.

In the next scene SpongeBob yelled, *"Gary, I'm absorbing his blows like I was made of some kind of spongy material!"*

In the simile form 'Gary, I'm absorbing his blows like I was made of some kind of spongy material!', the tenor is word I, the vehicle is some kind of spongy material, the ground is what is it made from and how it can absorb, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of I.

The meaning of this simile is Spongebob tried to compare himself to some kind of thing can absorb the other things. Although, it would be ironic, he was a sponge all the time.

10. Episode : No Weenies Allowed

In one scene Sandy said ,”*SpongeBob's actin's jumpier than a rattlesnake in a pickle barrel. Wait...what?*”

In the simile form ‘SpongeBob's actin's jumpier than a rattlesnake in a pickle barrel’, the tenor is word Spongebob’s acting, the vehicle is rattle snake in a pickle barrel, the ground is how jumpy he is, the marker is comparative adjective and than, and the topic is the description of Spongebob’s acting.

The meaning of this simile is Sandy compared Spongebob’s acting to rattle snake in pickle barrel. According to The American Heritage Dictionary (2009), the word jumpy means something characterized by fitful, jerky movements, or nervous. So, what Sandy tried to tell is Spongebob’s acting was very bad. She even described it worse that rattle snake in pickle barrel which could only shaking and jumping nervously.

11. Episode: Mid-life Crustacean

In one scene Singer sang, ”*You're old (you're old...) Groaning like a geezer.*”

In the simile form ‘You’re old. Groaning like a geezer’, the tenor is you, the vehicle is a geezer, the ground is the age, the marker is like, and the topic is the description you.

The meaning of this simile is the singer compared you, refers to Mr. Krab, to old grandmother. It indicates he was young anymore, or he was getting older.

In another scene Mr. Krabs said, "*It's more like a chick repellent. And there's only two seats!*"

In the simile form 'It's more like chick repellent', the tenor is it, the vehicle is chick repellent, the ground is it's appearance, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of it.

Thea meaning of this simile is Mr. Krab describe it, refers to bicycle, as a girl's repellent, any girl would not want be near it.

In other scene Mr. Krabs shouted, "*I'M FEELING LIKE A TOTAL BARNACLE HEAD!!!!*"

In the simile form 'I'm feeling like a total barnacle head!', the tenor is word I, the vehicle is a total barnacle head, the ground is what the I feel, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of I.

The meaning of this simile is Mr. Krab compare himself to barnacle head. Urbandictionary.com (1999) define barnacle head is somebody who is so slow, dense and vacuous that they are easily compared to the stationary parasitic marine organism. He felt frustrated when say this expression.

12. Episode : Born again Krabs

In one scene Flying Dutchman said, "*Why, not giving him back is a fate worse than death!*"

In the simile form 'Why, not giving him back is a fate worse than death!', the tenor is fate, the vehicle is death, the ground is the condition, the marker is comparative adjective with than, and the topic is the description of fate.

The meaning of this simile is Flying Dutchman describe his condition that it would be better if he bring Spongebob back to Mr. Krab. He said this because Spongebob always talk, disturb, bother, annoy and irritate him. He thought death would be better than make Spongebob stay.

In another scene Mr. Krabs said, "*Sure. I'm still in the hospital sleeping like a baby!*"

In the simile form 'I'm still in the hospital sleeping like a baby!', the tenor is word I, the vehicle is baby, the ground is the way he sleeps, the marker is word like, and the topic is the description of I.

The meaning of this simile is Mr. Krab compare his sleep condition to baby's. If somebody sleeps like a baby, it means he sleeps deeply and very well, and nobody want to interrupt him. It means that he will get well soon.

13. Episode: Have You Seen This Snail

In one scene Spongebob said, "*And now my heart is beating like the saddest metronome.*"

In the simile form 'And now my heart is beating like the saddest metronome', the tenor is my heart, the vehicle is the saddest metronome, the ground is the beat, the marker is like, and the topic is the description of my heart.

The meaning of this simile is Spongebob tried to express his feeling by comparing his heart to saddest metronome. Metronome is a mechanical device which indicates the exact tempo of a piece of music by producing a clicking sound from a pendulum with an adjustable period of swing (Collin English Dictionary). He imagined every beat in his heart as a saddest sound because of losing Gary.

In another scene Spongebob said, "*Your meow right now would sound like music to me.*"

In the simile form 'Your meow right now would sound like music to me', the tenor is word your meow, the vehicle is music, the ground is the way it sounds, the marker is word like, and the topic is description of your meow.

The meaning of this simile is Spongebob compared his pet's voice to music. The word music means An art of aesthetically pleasing or harmonious sound in time that expresses ideas and emotions in significant forms through the elements of rhythm, melody, harmony,

and dynamics (American Heritage Dictionary, 2009). So, he described the meow as a music, which made him pleased and enjoyed. Spongebob said this to show his affection to his pet.

14. Episode: Squid Wood

In one scene SpongeBob said, *”Well, Mini Squid, I guess this is it. We've had some good times playing charades and dancing around like two giddy butterflies!”*

In the simile form ‘We've had some good times playing charades and dancing around like two giddy butterflies!’, the tenor is word we, the vehicle is word two giddy butterflies, the ground is how we dance around, the marker is word like, and the topic is description of our good times.

The meaning of this simile is Spongebob said this as a farewell for his friend, Mini Squid. The word Giddy means feeling or showing great happiness and joy, and butterfly means a creature usually symbolized with the pursuit of beauty and pleasure (Merriam-Webster). So, he imagine they spent good time together by dancing around like giddy butterflies, which means they was very happy and cheerful.

15. Episode: Best Frenemies

In one scene Plankton said.” *I don't see you on the front lines. Sure, let me do all the work, while you just sit back like the fat gorilla you are!!*”

In the simile form ‘let me do all the work, while you just sit back like the fat gorilla you are!’, the tenor is word you, the vehicle is word fat gorilla, the ground is sloth and laziness, the marker is word like, and the topic is description of you.

The meaning of this simile is Plankton defined who is lazy as a fat gorilla that even cannot move its body. he expressed his anger by saying this sentences.

In another scene Mr. Krabs said,”*Hey, I paid good money for this thing. Of course I'm gonna drink it. (takes a sip then spits it out) What the...? I don't get what the big deal is. This tastes like a wet gym sock.*”

In the simile form ‘This tastes like a wet gym sock’, the tenor is word this, the vehicle is word a wet gym sock, the ground is the taste, the marker is word like, and the topic is description of this.

The meaning of the simile is Mr. Krab describes the taste of the beverage that he drank as bad as wet gym sock. A gym sock is usually worn when the owner is in sweaty condition, and it doesn't get washed it will be smelly and stinky. It indicated that beverage had been compared is bad or rotten.