

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

Language is a tool of communication that has function to transfer information, ideas, and feelings from one person to another. Brown and Attardo (2006, p 13) state that language is used to communicate with others, without thinking about it. It is often characterized as a systematic correlation between certain types of gestures and meaning (Valin, 2004, p 18).

Language is used in order to communicate one with another. Human communicate in both spoken and written language. Human life is very complex, so that is why relationship between humans is very fast. These relationship between human and human, human and nature, human and creatures that exist in nature and human beings with the Creator.

Over 2000 years, language becomes interesting object and the important subject of observation. Often, the observations are subjective and anecdotal. But, in the earliest periods, they are also on objective approach with scholars investigating aspects of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation in a detailed and organized way. In the present century, the subject enlarge to the whole range of subject matter to language which is now called linguistics (Crystal, 2003, p 408).

Based on explanation above we know that people of particular country realized that language as one of the important effect in their life. Language is the ways of to interact with each other. Example we can use language to

express what we want or feel. Language always innovates during the times. With the long process, language always gets the implication from the places or communities that use the language. Allah said in Qur'an sura Ar-Rum, verse 22:

وَمِنْ ءَايَاتِهِ ۚ خَلَقُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضَ وَاخْتَلَفُ السِّنِّتِكُمْ وَالْوَنُكُرَ ۚ اِنَّ فِي

ذٰلِكَ لَآيٰتٍ لِّلْعٰلَمِيْنَ ﴿٢٢﴾

Language always innovates during the time. As Fromkin et. Al. (1996:333) stated in her book:

Changes in a language are actually changes in the grammars of the speakers of the language, and are perpetuated when new generations of children learn the language by acquiring the new grammar. An examination of the change that have occurred in English during the past 1500 years shows that the sound system and morphological system have changed, the syntactic rules have changed, and the semantic system has changed. (1996, p 333)

Linguistics is one aspect of language, it is a systematic inquiry into human language, structures, uses, and the relationship between them, as well as into the development and acquisition of language (Finegan, 2008, p 22). In other words, linguistics is study about structure of human languages, uses of language itself and their correlation each others.

The famous phenomenon in linguistic called slangs. Slangs is used by particular group of people and it is created arbitrarily. It is difficult to explain the reason. The use of slang is like a mode. It is loved by many persons, used

by them, found everywhere. Sometimes, slang is more attractive and expressive than standard language. Regardless of social position, almost all people especially young people use slangs and colloquial from time to time. According to Fromkin and Rodman (1983:264), slangs is considered as a result of the development of the new words that happen as a creative expression from people to make the words more efficient and simpler to be uttered. Slangs words vary from generation to generation and from one geographical area to others. Thus, the existence of slang is never constant. The form of slang and colloquial words occur through some processes. Linguistically, these processes are called word formation processes. Slang indicates non-standard language, most of people often use slang on certain occasion. Word or phrases slang usually found because of habits or ideas that appear in society. The using of slang in society as if a mode, slang appears and mostly people choose to use it, and usually it can be found everywhere. Slang also like as a fashion, it comes, when everybody likes it, they will use it and can be found anywhere. The using of slang introduces some of new words and it is one of a way describe new word that can enrich language itself.

The use of slang also can be found in novels, movies and lyrics of song, usually movies and songs are made as media to represent the social condition and somebody's identity. Slang is often found in modern youth songs. In application, current slang can be found in the conversations of teenagers and youth people. Youth people are the most creative and most

easily saturated with the establishment. It also affects of everyday language. They create their own language structure that is different from the existing structure of language. Youth people always expresses what they feel by a songs. They always know and up to date with popular songs. The popular songs are Western songs. Actually, many slangs words are found in Western songs. When analyzes Western songs, we will found slangs words in the lyrics. Slangs of the lyrics songs which known by youth people, it is not in English speaking countries but all over many countries in the world. Which is why, analyze slangs in Western song is interesting and also important.

Generally, most of countries have their own slangs terms in their language. It seems with slangs words that was used in Western songs. We will find many slangs words in a songs when we started to analyze it in lyrics. Because, lyrics is a part of songs that formed from a word or sentence that told by song creater for making the song become easy to listen and understand. The expressing of lyrics has a language that implicated and written. And this thing relates with linguistic phenomenon.

There have been many researcher done on song lyrics. One of them is thesis by Ari Anggoro (2011) entitle **An Analysis of Slang Terms in the “American Gangster” Movie**. Comparing with this thesis, the writer finds similarity and difference with the topic that will be researched. The similarity is whether the writer or he chooses analysis of slang as the object of study. Besides, the difference is the writer wants to observe movie in the “American Gangster”. Furthermore, the writer observe song lyrics in Western songs.

Then, there is a thesis entitle **An Analysis of Slang Language in Song Lyrics Used by Justin Bieber** written by Siti Nia Mahnunik (2015). The similarity is whether the writer or she chooses song lyrics as the object of study. But, the difference is the researcher observe Slang language in Justin Bieber songs lyrics and the researcher focused on Slangs language as the research in Western songs.

Besides, there is a thesis entitle **An Analysis Of Figurative Language Used In Paramore Song lyrics** written by Atsna Humaidah (2008). The similarity is whether the writer or she chooses songs lyrics as the object of study. But, the difference is the researcher observe Figurative language in Paramore song lyrics and the researcher focused on slangs language as the research in Western songs.

While some other researcher analysed slangs terms in the movie, slang language in song lyrics of Justin Bieber and figurative language, the researcher is interested to analyze slangs in songs lyrics, with the title: **USE OF SLANGS IN WESTERN SONGS LYRICS**. Hopefully, this research can find the answers of the question.

B. Statement of Problem

Based on the background above, the writer will investigate and focus on:

1. What are the differences between slangs in songs lyrics produced in before 2000 and after year 2000 ?
2. How is the slang language used in the lyrics of Western songs ?

C. Objective of Study

From this research, the writer expects:

1. To know the differences between slangs in songs lyrics produced in before 2000 and after year 2000.
2. To know slangs language used in the lyrics of Western songs.

D. Significance of Study

The result of this research is expected to have advantages such as:

1. Increasing the reader's knowledge in slangs language.
2. The result of this research will give description to be used as guidelines in teaching literature interesting, creative, and innovative
3. To completion of this research can be a motivation for researchers to more actively contribute to the scientific works of literature and education.

E. Definition of Key Terms

To avoid misinterpretation of the title, the writer explains the technical terms such as below:

1. Slangs

Slangs is the new vocabularies that made by people in social community. it is a specific word, phrases, or utterances, which is commonly used by people in their community. In this study, the researcher focus on the use of slangs in Western songs lyrics.

2. Western Songs

Western songs is musical sounds with the voice, speak words to a tone. Western was directly influenced by the folk music traditions of England,

Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, and many cowboy songs, sung around campfires in the nineteenth century. Western songs is music from Western culture. Western music is directly descended from the folk songs, ballads, and popular songs of the English, Scottish, and Irish settlers of the U.S. southeastern seaboard.

3. Lyrics

Lyrics is defined as characterized by or expressive of direct usually intense personal emotion. Lyrics in this paper means word, utterances, which is exist in Western songs.