CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

Background should explain about purpose, function, and the reasons of the research title. The research has qualitative methodology means its explanation must be inductive. The writer started explaining this background from the special or smallest ones to the common or biggest ones. They are words, phrase, types of slang, and data setting.

Words are a vital part of linguistic knowledge and constitute a section of our mental grammars. But one can study thousands of words in a language and still do not know the language. Anyone who has tried to be understood in a foreign country by simply using a dictionary knows this is true. On the other hand, without words we would be incapable to convey our thoughts through language.

In English grammar, a phrase is a group of two or more words functioning as a meaningful unit within a sentence or clause. A phrase is usually characterized as a grammatical unit at a level between a word and a clause. A phrase is formed from a head (or headword)—which determines the grammatical nature of the unit—and one or more optional modifiers. Phrases may contain other phrases inside them.

A phrase means a syntactic structure that functions as a single lexical unit, but is greater than a single lexeme, and does not meet the necessities of a

clause/sentence. According to Gelderen (2002, p. 43) a phrase is a group of words creating a unit and combined around a head, ex: a noun or a verb.

Slang created from an informal language and used every day by the modern community especially by young people in certain conditions. Slang is also commonly used by specific groups to communicate internally so that people who are not part of the group members do not understand what they said. In addition, slang belongs to the identity of a specific group.

Holmes (2013, p.176) stated that slang belongs to the vocabulary area and reflects person age. Slang language is not an official language even though it is widely known and used for communication by many people for many purposes and each word has either positive or negative meaning based on the people.

Slang words made because of the needs of the easy and unique words, for example the word *'gotta'* is actually a combination of going and to, *'chill out'* which simply means to relax, and *'babe'* is one of the famous slangs especially in songs which has baby or that you think someone is hot and attractive as the meaning. Slang changes over time and can disappear quickly.

English slang can also be different depending on the race of the group of people talking about it. Some slang words are considered imprecise because they sometimes lead to racism. Slang is often found in movies, short stories, poetry, novels, or even in a song. Slang is often used by singers in songs, especially English songs. According to the explanation, slang is a type of

language that is related in culture and society which means it is discussed in sociolinguistics.

Sociolinguistics studies our everyday lives. Holmes also stated that sociolinguistics is concerned with the relationship between language and the context in which it is used. Sociolinguistics' aim in general is to discuss the relevance of language and behavior in society. This study concerns on the changes of the language. When languages change it will have a lot of types.

There are many differences in language depending on the place where the language is used, the social status and background education of the person who uses the language. The purpose of sociolinguistics in general is to discuss the relevance of language and behavior in society. In this modern era, languages also develop in use and form. There are many factors that influence the development of language like the use of language in literary work.

In literary works, there are many new words found. Every speaker has capability of making up modern words, utilizing ancient words in a new way, compose sentences they have never heard some time recently, and combining sentences into entirely new discourses. The new words that occur in this society are called slang words. As known, slang is a type of language, informal language to be exact.

Language created from human beings and it is the most vital side in human life. Language is required not solely by humans however additionally by animals to interact with each other. The function of language is to create communication with other individuals and to deliver the information in our

society. Trudgill (2000, p.81) stated that language, in other words, differs not only consistent with social characteristics of the speaker (such as social class, ethnos, age, and sex) but also according to the social context in which speakers find themselves.

Therefore, changes in language are unavoidable. Language develops based on the needs, wish, and wants of the speakers. The study of language is called linguistics and language is related to the culture and society. The relationship between language and society is discussed in sociolinguistics. An equivalent speaker uses the various linguistic varieties of several situations and different purposes.

Lyrics mean the words of a song that have meanings and messages in it. The lyrics or song texts do not only as to complement the song but also as a crucial part of the music elements. People can feel the rhythm and melody, harmony, and voice of the singer by the singing of the song to understand the sense of the lyrics in the song. Lyrics can be used by writers or singers to show what they want people to know about their feelings in a song. Songs with slang words in the lyrics are used by a lot of singers. One of them is Justin Bieber.

Song is one of the most familiar literatures in everyone's ears. Song is a poem that combines melody, tone, rhythm, time and vocals. Song is performed by a human voice. In this modern era, song is easily found because song is universal. Every day, there is no day without a song being played. Songs are literally everywhere. People can find songs in a minimarket, in a café, in the subway, etc.

Song also transfers messages and meanings from writers to the listeners through the lyrics. It can be used to express something especially their thoughts and feelings. By singing a song a singer can express his ideas and feelings and make them more attractive to the listener. There are many ways to sing a song such as by solo, duet, in a group band, etc. There are many kinds of music genres in song, such as pop, rock, jazz, hip hop, blues, country music, heavy metal, etc. In this era, it is common to see songs with lyrics that have slang in it.

Justin Drew Bieber or known as JB is a Canadian singer, song writer, performer, and multi-instrumentalist. He was discovered by everyone via YouTube. His mother posted the performance of him and shared it on YouTube and then it became viral. He really went from an unknown little boy to one of the biggest pop stars in the whole world who has a lot of famous songs.

Bieber was signed to RBMG Records in 2008. With his debut EP My World which is released in late 2009, Bieber became the primary artist to own seven songs from a debut top chart on the Billboard Hot 100. At his young age, 16 years old, Bieber released his debut studio album My World 2.0 (2010), which contained the success single "Baby". The album debuted on the US Billboard 200, making him the youngest solo male act to top the chart in 47 years. Justin Bieber had quickly recognized himself as a teenager idol.

As a youngster idol with sales of over 150 million records, Bieber became one of the world's best-selling music artists. He received Diamond certifications from the RIAA for his songs, entitled "Baby" and "Sorry". He has received inordinate acknowledgement, including two Grammy Awards, 18

American Music Awards, 20 Billboard Music Awards, two Brit Awards, a Latin Grammy Award, a record 21 MTV Europe Music Awards, and four MTV Video Music Awards.

Time magazine named Bieber as one of the 100 most powerful people in the world in 2011. He was counted in on Forbes' list of the top ten most powerful celebrities in the world, in 2011, 2012 and 2013. In 2016, he became the first artist from Vevo to surpass 10 billion total video views. Bieber also has been mentioned as the "Prince of Pop" and "King of Teen Pop" by modern journalists because of his songs.

The reasons why the writer chooses Justin Bieber's songs are because he is one of the most popular pop singers in the world and the writer is interested in researching slang words in Justin Bieber's songs and also found out that there are a lot of slang words in Justin Bieber's songs. Justin Bieber also has a lot of good songs that deserve to be known widely by today and the next generation. Based on Justin Bieber album called Believe, My World, and Purpose.

There are a lot of popular and good songs from Justin Bieber, but the writer only chooses 6 songs. The writer chose 1 song from Justin's album entitled Believe (2013) which is All Around the World. One song from his debut EP, My World (2009) entitled One Time. One song from My Worlds: The Collection Album (2010) that is Never Say Never ft. Jaden Smith. One song from his Journals (2013) album which is Heartbreaker. Lastly from two songs from Justice album (2021) entitled Lonely and Peaches.

Another reason why this subject is chosen is because the slang expression which is employed within the lyrics of the songs is additionally utilized in daily communication. Besides, some people that use English as a second or foreign language may get confused in comprehending the theme and therefore the meaning of song lyrics thanks to the utilization of slang expressions.

B. Questions and Scopes of the Research

1. Question of the Research

Based on the focus of the study above, the writer assembles this research through the following questions:

a. What types of slang words were found in Justin Bieber's album song lyrics?

b. What are the meanings of those slang language used in Justin Bieber's album song lyrics?

2. Scopes of the Research

In this research, the writer focuses on words and phrases to classify the types and meaning of slang words found in Justin Bieber's song lyrics. The writer uses the theory intended by Elisa Mattielo as titled An Introduction to English Slang (A Description of its Morphology, Semantics and Sociology. As known that there are many songs in the world and most of them used slang language especially in American English songs. In this study not all parts analyze language, but from Justin Bieber's album the

writer analyzes the eleven of songs contained in the albums and only slang found in Justin Bieber's song lyrics.

C. Objective and Significance of The Research

1. Objective of the Research

In this paper the writer analyzes the meaning of slangs that were found in Justin Bieber's album. There are two objectives related to the research as mentioned above:

a. To know and to understand the types of English slang language used in Justin Bieber's album song lyrics.

b. To explain the meaning of each slang that is used in Justin Bieber's album song lyrics.

2. Significance of the Research

Hopefully, this research can be useful for the writer and the reader of this research. The significances of the research are separated into two parts, theoretically and practically.

Theoretically, this research can be useful and help everyone who needs it, especially the next researcher who also wants to research the study about slang words as a reference. It is also expected to improve knowledge about slang words of the writer and readers.

Practically, it is hoped that slang words can be understandable and the result of this research is that slang words can be able to be used in real life or social interaction by everyone in various situations.

D. Operational Definition

1. **Sociolinguistics**

   Sociolinguistics is a relationship between language and society with a better awareness of the formation of language function as the goal. It is related to human society including cultures, norms, beliefs, and contexts how language is used. Sociolinguistics is the part of linguistics which is involved with language as social cultural occurrences.

2. **Slang**

   Slang is informal language used in the informal situation, especially by a specific group of people such as teenagers. Slang usually has a short lifetime because it is developed to suit a specific situation at a given moment. For the language, slang is sort of a linguistic laboratory, where new words and form are often tested out, applied to a variety of situations, and then not abandoned or incorporated into the regular language.

3. **Song**

   Song is a short poem that is pronounced as tone, rhythm, time, and melody to form harmony. The range of rhythmic notes or sounds is also called song. Song is one of the literary creations that is sung and has delightful words and meaning.

4. **Lyrics**

   The words of a song that has meaning and message. It is usually expressing intense emotion, especially in a manner suggestive of song. It

also forms a communication between the singers, and the listeners. Lyrics are usually use beautiful words to form beautiful meanings.

E. Systematization of The Research

The paper is composed systematically in order to make it easy and understandable to read. This paper is divided into five chapters as listed below:

Chapter I Introduction contains background of the research, question and scope of the research, objective and significance of the research, operational definition, and systematization of the research.

Chapter II Theoretical description consists of the definition of sociolinguistics, definition of slang; kinds of slang, the function of slang, and song.

Chapter III Research methodology contains procedure of the research, technique of data collection, technique of data analysis and sources of data primary and secondary data.

Chapter IV Research findings and discussion show about data description, analysis of the data where the writer analyzes all the data that the writer found in the corpus data, data interpretation and the discussion of the research finding.

Chapter V Conclusion and suggestion give the summary from all chapters which relate to the discussion and some suggestions for the object of the research.