

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### **A. Background of The Research**

The study of a language called linguistics; there are five branch of linguistics: first, the study of structure of the words called morphology, the study of the structure of the sentences called syntax, the study how speech sounds is phonology, the study of language meaning of the speaker say from the context of the pronunciation is pragmatic and the study of meaning of the word is semantic. Every country has their linguistics study but in this paper only focused in English.

Learning linguistics automatically learning language, it can be easier to us to communicate with others people. It can be said language holds the important role in our life; many languages emerge in the universe. They are distinguished by country, ethnic and culture. Language is also as a tool of communication with others people to share the human need which is very important. By language, people can share their experiences, feelings, and needs to each other with it. Language always develops from time to time because of the social conditions and the human need. Language as a communication device has specialization which is only had by human. All people in the world use language to communicate each other in their daily activities. There are a lot of languages used in the world relates to different nations, tribes, religions, culture. Each of them has its own style in saying expressing it.

As Wardhaugh (2006, p.1) said when two or more people communicated with each other in speech, we can called the system of

communications that they employ a code. In most cases that code will be something we may also want to call language. It can be concluded that language is used in not only written or speaking but sign language we should know. Sign language is used by deaf people around the world. In the past many people believed that signing was an international form of communication.

Maclean in Lucas book's (2004, p.8) "sign language sometimes called gesture speech as it is a method of conversing by means of gesture or sign. It is a form of speech in use among civilized and savage races, which is perfectly understood although greatly limited in its forms of expression by those who have spoken language, rich in its vocabulary and possessed of an extensive literature".

After understanding languages, we will learn about sociolinguistics because sociolinguistics studies the relationship between language and society. It is interesting in explaining the way people speak based on social context. People are identifying the way used of language to determine social class. As well as about the social relationship in a community and the way people convey and construct aspects of their social identity through their language. Holmes said sociolinguistics is concerned with the relationship between language and the context in which it is used. (2015, p.1).

From all the sentences above it can be called that language, sign language, and relationship with society has variation. Language variation is evidenced by the emergence of new terms that are usually used by teenagers. Those new terms are used to communicate with peers both

verbal and written which are more popular as slang. Slang itself is confidential informal English spoken which is created and used by a particular community.

That is because language experiences a revolution which makes the emergence of language variations called slang, which formed acronym, combination of two words into one or blending and so on. As Yule said slang is word or phrases that are used instead of more everyday terms among younger speakers, although there are older speakers give effect toward the forming of slang. (2010, p.259).

Allan and Burridge (2006); they said this slang as the marker of some group of people. The examples of communities sharing experiences such as being groups of children at certain school become particular social groups. Slang reflects the social background of the speaker. In addition, people in general think that slang is dominantly used by teenager; actually almost all the people used slang in the right place and situation. (p.69)

However, people must remember when the exact time to use slang language/informal word and to use formal language depending on place and situation. Some groups distinguish utilization slang word; they will make a new slang as a style. Sometimes, the use slang word shows where you are from, whether you are from the upper class, lower class, a young person, teenagers, parents, or even children. The upper class or higher group used slang just for raise degrees. The lower class or lower group used slang just for cursing. Young person or teenager used slang for getting friends. Children used slang because they learnt from their parents.

Perhaps, we have been accustomed to hearing the informal version of spoken English, just like we use slang language. Case occurs when someone deals with the language variant related to language choice because it needs extra effort to figure out the meaning. Slang is one of language variant occurs in English and also an example of style of language. Every country has its own slang but English slang is always interesting to be learnt and analyzed.

To find out slang language in this day and with technological advancements the more rapid influence on communication we can found through film. Nowadays, film becomes one of the most popular of this century. The film provides a difference from reading novels. The audience can feel and participate in it because it can be fear, emotion, impression, and imagination. Watching film more efficiency this reason why film gets its own place in society.

Sometimes film show real life stories, documentaries, past, present and even future. Films also give messages in different ways, so the audience can decide this film it is a good or bad. Producers are competing to make film with high artworks that can be accepted by audience and have message that can have a broad impact on the audience. The impact of this even can change the way of thinking or viewpoints in audience real life.

Meanwhile, from all of the aspect explained above the writer will talk about the reason why film is chosen as an object data. This is because in this era all of people love watching film and *This is England* is chosen because it is one the best film in 80's era where a youth talking used slang

language almost all day long and not all the people understand with those languages. So, the writer chooses slang as a main topic of discussion to improve their ability to speak English and to increase vocabulary. The title of this research is “Slang Expression Meaning in This is England Film”.

## **B. Questions and Scopes of The Research**

### 1. Question of the research

- a. What kinds of slang were found in the film?
- b. What is function of those kinds of slang in the social interaction?
- c. What kinds of slang were found mostly in the film?

### 2. Scopes of the research

#### a. Main theory

This research focused on word or phrase of slang language that found in the film as an object of the data then will be analyze characteristics of English slang to found the correct kinds of slang in accordance with the word or phrase that is used as data. Analyze will be used theory that explain below.

#### b. Theory used

1. Eric Partridge (1979) that explains slang consists of 25 kind of slang.
2. The second used Yule’s theory (2010) that explained about based of slang.

#### c. The ways

The writer tries to find kinds, meaning and function of slang, by analyze and classification kinds of slang with used some dictionary to looking for the meaning. After all, the writer

interprets the usage of slang in the film in every situation. So, we can understand meaning and functions slang expression in the social life.

### **C. Objective and Significance of The Research**

#### **1. Objective of the research**

Everything in this world has the reason why they should be here, as well as word, phrase, and sentences. Here are the objectives related to the questions above:

- a) To know and to understand the characteristic of kinds of English slang language that exist in film.
- b) To know when usage and function of English slang in the social interaction.
- c) To found out kinds of slang that mostly appears in the film.

#### **2. Significance of the research**

##### **1. For the writer**

The writer hopes this paper can help everyone who wants to make an assignment or anything as a reference and also for the readers who learn, wonder or at least have interest about slang language. The writer hopes this research can give contribution to linguistics, especially in the field of sociolinguistics, namely

about slang, and increase knowledge about slang as the variety English slang language.

## 2. Practically

This research can be a reference and source for other researchers or student of the English department at STBA JIA. The writer hopes the result of this research could give reference for development of slang language.

## **D. Operational Definition**

### 1. Film

Film is one of human culture product; it is the result of the human creation of art, and also the audio-visual mass communication media that could show pictures, motions, and sounds, then technically movie is the motion picture recorded in particular medium as the invention of technology. In this study, the writer researches the analysis of slang that is taken from the movie entitled *This is England*.

### 2. Slang

Slang is informal language used in the informal situation such as with friends or someone who elder than us, etc. Use of these words and phrases is typically associated with the subversion of a standard variety

(such as Standard English) and is likely to be interpreted by listeners as implying particular attitudes on the part of the speaker.

### 3. Sociolinguistics

Sociolinguistics is relationship between language and society, or of the various function of language in society. It learns about language, dialects, varieties, speech communities, words and culture, solidarity and politeness, talk and action more.

### 4. Language

Language is something used for communicate by human, even animal. By learning languages, make it easier to understand other people.

### 5. Linguistics

Linguistics own self is focused on word, sentences, meaning etc. This study should learn for every student before learn languages.

## **E. Systematization of The Research**

This paper is divided into five chapters as listed below:

Chapter I is introduction

Which is explains about the background of the research, scope of the problem, questions of the research, objectives of the research, significance of the research and systematic of the paper.

Chapter II is theoretical description



Consists of the definition of sociolinguistic, definition of slang; kind of slang, function of slang, and film.

Chapter III is research methodology

Which consist of method of the research setting of the research, subject of the research, object of the research, technique of data analysis and procedure of the research.

Chapter IV is data analysis

Which consist of data description, data analysis and the interpretation of the research finding.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion

Which give summary from all chapters and some suggestions for the object of the research.