

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of sub-chapters, namely background of the study, statements of the problem, objectives of the study, significance of the study, scope, and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of the study

People use language to communicate with their moms, fathers, daughters, and sons in families all around the world. Their future goals and their current interactions are inextricably linked to language. According to Wardhaugh (1992) language is a system of arbitrary verbal symbols utilized for human communication. When a language is understood, speech sounds and meanings are connected, resulting in coherent words and sentences. People need to practice both their spoken and written English communication abilities in order to interact with others in this language. There are many different types of written language, including scripts, novels, magazines, and newspapers. It is therefore nearly impossible to get by in life without employing language. We are able to converse with others and express ourselves symbolically thanks to language. We are able to express our thoughts and feelings through language.

Linguistics studies about language. There are also branch of linguistic such as pragmatics, semantics, sociolinguistics, etc. Semantics, as a branch of linguistics, focuses on the study of meaning in language. It explores how words, phrases, and sentences convey meaning, examining the relationships between signifiers like words or symbols and what they refer to in the real world. Palmer (1981) stated that semantics is the technical term used to refer to the study of meaning, and since meaning is a part of language, semantics is a part of linguistics. He views semantics as an essential branch of linguistics focused on how meaning operates within language

Figurative language is a language using figures of speech so the language that cannot be taken literally or should not be taken literally only. According to Stanford (2003) a part from that figurative language is words or expression that carry more than their literal meaning. Words that adhere strictly to their established meaning are considered to be in literal language. Exaggeration and analogies to related ideas or situations are common in figurative language. According to Abrams (2011), the purpose of figurative language is to capture the normal meaning of a word or conventional sequences in words in order to produce some specific meanings or effects.

According to Perrine in Johnson (2016), there are many different kinds of figurative language, including personification, metonymy, apostrophe, understatement, overstatement (hyperbole), irony, symbol, paradox, simile, metaphor, synecdoche, and allegory. There is example of metaphor stated by Nurhadi and Marsih, (2022). The use of figurative language can be discovered in daily life, for. instance, when someone says, "That boy is tiger," which does not mean that the boy is an actual tiger. This phrase is used to characterize the boy's nature, behaviors, or other characteristics that are similar to those of a tiger. Figurative language also has other use based on its types, such as in metaphors that compare unrelated things or in hyperboles that overstate a point.

In this study, the focus is on Ariana Grande's album "Eternal Sunshine". Drawing inspiration from themes of love, loss, and personal growth, the album skillfully blends these elements into an emotional and relatable collection of songs. Through her music, Ariana Grande explores complex emotions and experiences, using vivid imagery and figurative language to express herself. "Eternal Sunshine" is celebrated as a standout in modern pop music due to its emotional depth and lyrical creativity. The album provides numerous examples of how figurative language shapes in the lyrics, enhancing the emotional depth of the music. This analysis helps in understanding how figurative language can be employed to convey emotions, create vivid imagery, and make the narrative more captivating and relatable for the audience.

The writer chose the album "Eternal Sunshine" by Ariana Grande as the focus of this study, using the album's lyrics as the main source of data. The writer assumes that the lyrics contain various types of figurative language, making it an interesting subject to examine. Out of the many elements that could be analyzed in the album, figurative language stands out because it adds to the album's appeal. Understanding how these language features are used in the album is important for gaining a deeper understanding of the lyrics. The writer also wants to explore how figurative language in the album could be used in education, helping students learn beyond traditional forms of literature. As a result, this study is titled "An Analysis of Figurative Languages in Ariana Grande's Album "Eternal Sunshine"."

1.2 Research Questions

Based on the background of the study, this present study is conducted for the following questions:

1. What are the types of figurative language found in the Ariana Grande album "Eternal Sunshine"?
2. What are the function of figurative language found in the Ariana Grande album "Eternal Sunshine"?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

Based on the problem above, the objectives of the study are stated below:

1. To identify the types of figurative language used in Ariana Grande album "Eternal Sunshine"
2. To explain the function of figurative language in the Ariana Grande album "Eternal Sunshine"

1.4 Significance of the Study

The researchers aspire for the study's results to confer considerable utility upon:

1. Theoretically, this study is expected to enrich the knowledge of Linguistics especially the types of figurative language analysis, and make the reader understand the function of figurative language in the album. This study is also expected to give the other researcher who conducts the next research about figurative language analysis in the album.

2. Practically, this study offers important practical benefits by helping an album become more appealing to listeners, as understanding the meaning behind song lyrics can deepen their connection. The expected value of this research is two-fold: First, for students, it would improve their knowledge of different types of figurative language and how to analyze their meanings. Second, for the general public, this study aims to clarify the various types of figurative language and the function they create within the album's lyrics, based on Perrine in Johnson (2016).

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope of this study is Semantics, especially in terms of figurative language. The writer only focuses on the words in the lyrics album that used figurative language in the Ariana Grande album "Eternal Sunshine". The limitation focus to find the types and function on the lyrics that consist of figurative language in the "Eternal Sunshine" album using Perrine in Johnson (2016) theory.