

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter present, background of the study, statement of the research problems, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of the Study

Language is the most important aspect in the life all of beings. As people in this world we need language for improving the language of our life, but not only for human, the animal and so on, it need a language for using their life, while before we use the language, we must be spirit to know it, and still processing to step in the future.

According to Meyer F Charles (2009) language is one of many different systems of communication, a system that is unique to human beings and different from, for instance, the systems of communication that animals employ. Language exists in modes: speech, writing, listening, and signs, (which are used by people who are deaf). Although all languages (with the exception of sign languages) exist in spoken form, only some have written forms. Language is related with culture and social system of certain community who use the language. This case may allow the differentiation of diction between some areas with another. Beside that, the complex community, the different areas, social statues, level of education, and the different types of social interaction will produce the language.

Semantics is the linguistic study of meaning in language to get the point of what they are talking about. This theory concerns with relationship between

signifier such as, words, phrases, signs, symbols, and what they stand for their denotation.

Music is an art form and cultural activity whose medium is sound organized in time. Music contained the connotations in the song lyrics so when we cannot know what lies behind the author while make song lyrics. May be the author says in making song lyrics inspired by the life of the author or others. In accordance with the object to research that raised the author in the study, means that lyrics become a topic for this discussion because the author used words that connote make it look more beautiful and make music listeners are curious about the intent or meaning.

The reason why the researcher wants to analyze meaning, because the researcher wants to know what meaning contains in Eminem lyrics song. Then this song had meaning with the difficult living conditions, both in terms of economy, prostitute, social and their obsession with their daily life is into to work.

Based on explanation above, the writer is wanted to know what meaning of Eminem lyrics song, involved semantics theories in the way of interpretation. The writer is also interested discussing the meaning of Eminem lyrics song. The writer study entitled “An Analysis of Associative Meanings in Eminem Song Lyrics”.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

This statement of problems is formulated as follows:

1. What are the types of associative meaning found in *Eminem's Song Lyrics*?
2. What are the functions of associative meaning on *Eminem's Song Lyrics*?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

1. To explain the types of associative meanings found in Eminem's song lyrics
2. To find the functions of associative meaning used on *Eminem's Song Lyrics*

1.4 Significance of the Study

Theoretically, the first contributions the writer findings of this study are expected to be useful and give contribution to the study and understanding semantics particularly on meaning. In addition, the result of this study is an important sources for the next the researcher who conducts similar study. This study also expected to be able to give understanding about types and functions of associative meanings.

Practically, this research is able to explain the problems of the study clearly as expected. There are a few practically benefits in this research. First, the researcher hopes that this study will help other people or other researchers as one reference for their research. Second, the study will be useful for the students who learn about associative meaning and for the students or the researchers who find difficulties to understanding the associative meaning. Third, the researcher hope this study will attract or inspire other writer to conduct observations using used this theory more detail. However, the more significant in this study is expected to enhance the writer's knowledge while in conducting the research also give benefits to other people, students and hearer music by existence of this research.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

Based on the theory that is applied to analyzing the text, the research scope of this study is the theory of associative meaning by Leech. There are type of

associative meaning is divided have five types: connotative meaning, social meaning, affective meaning, reflected meaning, and collocative meaning. Then, the study is limited on the data found in Eminem song lyrics, which is taken from the three albums of Eminem. There are Cleanin' Out My Closet (Slim Shady EP 1997), Just Don't Give A Fuck (Slim Shady EP 1997), My Daddy Gone Crazy (Eminem Show 2002). The data might be in the forms of words, phrases and sentences that exist in Eminem song lyrics. Therefore, this is the discussion of the study is focused in the associative meaning found in the data.