

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Language is as a vital communication tool in this life. In social life, language is very important to our life. Language and communication cannot be separated because people use language as communication and to express their feelings.

There is a study about the relationship between language and society, and the study is called sociolinguistics. In the modern society, the function of language is increasing. In the modern society language has the function in the study, government, administration, politics, sport, science and technology. Moreover, every fields of professions has special vocabulary in communication. Because of that, each community in the society has their own language variety in their professional communication.

Language can also be used to identify a group membership. It can be shown by the formation of various languages in the world that has unique characteristics that different from other languages.

Pratiwi (2011) suggests that variation of language used by speakers can be idiolect, dialect, variety language, register and the speech level. In communication in the society. There are many language variations like register, slang, jargon, dialect and social dialect.

Jargon is a special language which belongs exclusively to a group. Every spoken vocabulary has a meaning that is deliberately symbolized or encoded in order

to impress the secret, or to be more easily understood. The example below is an example one of the data from the title of journal “*when predator becomes prey: the gendered jargon of popular culture*”.

1. Puma is the woman who in thirty years old dates with younger men
2. Cougar is the woman who in forty years old dates with younger men

Jargon is one of the language variations in sociolinguistics. Jargon is specific terms used by certain social groups and not understood by other social groups as well as those terms are not confidential. The language used among group members that indirectly makes them different from others. One group of people who use a specific language among members of the group is Bangkalan’s sailor community.

Bangkalan’s sailor community is a group of sailorman who have a hobby to meet with old friends like reunion because they have been on board for years and all they do is work and work. Coming home is a golden opportunity for them to spend time together with some their friends. When they come back to Indonesia, they always tell the others of their experiences. One example of jargon used by Bangkalan’s sailor community is as follows:

1. Mafia

The means of this word is a group of people who engaged in crime where all of human feel uncomfortable with *mafia* existence, but in this context the term of *Mafia* is the people who gets work night shift.

2. Mafia Business

Mafia business means someone who gets the job at night, but at the same time during he do his assignment, he always take the chance for personal interest such

as: accept the telephone from his family, reply the messenger and online in social media for example: online in Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

Based on the phenomenon above, the writer is interested in analyzing language variety about the types and the function of jargon used by Bangkalan's sailor community. Jargon has many functions; it can identify the people activities and it also used make communication easy within a group. Some people who are not members in one of the groups may not be interested because they do not know what the words mean. The writer chooses the jargon used by Bangkalan's sailor community as a source of data. The study hopefully can be useful information for those that really want to know about language variety used by them.

1.2 Statement of Problems

Based on the background of the study presented above, the research questions are stated as follows:

1. What are types of jargon used by the sailor community in Bangkalan?
2. What is the function of jargon used among the sailor community in Bangkalan?

1.3 Objective of The Study

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

1. To explain the types of jargon words used by the sailor community in Bangkalan

2. To explain the function of jargon words which used by the sailor community in Bangkalan

1.4 Significance of The Study

Theoretically, the research is expected to enrich the study in linguistics and sociolinguistics fields. Practically, the research findings can be useful and informative inputs for the study in English language, it is also expected to be a valuable source of reference to related studies, especially in sociolinguistics fields. Thus, it may lead other researchers to explore more and wider knowledge in sociolinguistic studies, especially in the study of jargon. This study can also be used as material for people who want to be sailors.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope in this study is sociolinguistics, which focuses on the types of jargon formation proposed by Yule's (2006) theory. Meanwhile, Hyme's (1974) theory is used to analyze the context of situation in jargon formation which occurs in one community and analyze the function of jargon with use Chaika's (1982) theory. In this case, the writer chooses the community of sailor from Bangkalan Madura.

The limitation of this study is utterances produced by Bangkalan's sailor community in Madura. There are many words produced by the sailor community in Bangkalan Madura which is interesting to analyze because it may help others know the meaning of the words.