

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of some subchapters namely background of the study, statement of the research problems, objectives of the study, significances of the study, and scope and limitation of the study. They are very important to explain because they describe this study generally.

1.1 Background of the Study

Humans are social creatures that cannot live alone. They need each other instead. Therefore, humans need a medium to interact one to another in their daily life. To do that, humans must have some necessary tools; the most important tool is language.

Language is a system of words and signs that humans use to express thoughts and feelings. Language plays several important roles in every aspect of humans' life, due to language is the most essential tool to all societies as the main way to interact and to communicate. Humans need to follow the update language that is always renewed. Beside that, by using language, people can identify the speaker's character or their own characters as symbol of their identity.

There are many kinds of languages in the world as like English, France language, Malay language, Mandarin, Indonesian language, etc. However, English is the first language that becomes an international language in the world. There are two spoken English generally; those are formal and informal English. Formal English is usually used in writing book and formal situation by educated people as like in class, seminar, conference, and so on. Next, informal English is the

opposite of formal English that can be used in daily activities. This informal English has many kinds of types, one of them is Slang, informal English that is used in informal style. Slang is a secret language or informal language practiced by some communities. According to Chaer and Agustina (1995:87-88), “slang is a social variation that is privileged and confidential”. This variation is used by certain circles which are very limited, and may not be known by the outside group.

In application, slang is expressed spontaneously and it is not bind by any grammatical rules. Slang always affects the use of everyday language. Usually, it can be found in a conversation of young people or children. Young people are the most creative and also the most saturated of something they used to. So that is why they are very interested in finding new slang words. They always want to refresh the language they used as they want to have an intimate and friendly atmosphere when they are talking to each other. They consider language as a vehicle for discussion and as a way to strengthen relationship, source Chaer (1998). Therefore, they create their own language structure that is different from the existing structure of language. With slang as variety of language, it gives a fluent conversation and intimate conversation that accordance with an informal situation.

The use of slang can be found especially in movies and songs, that bring out the social and cultural side of someone’s identity. To analyze the slang words, the writer chooses “*Scouts Guide To the Zombie Apocalypse*” movie directed by Christopher Beau Landon. Christopher B. Landon is a producer and also a writer. He is well-known for his some movies such as *Disturbia* (2007), *Paranormal*

Activity: *The Marked One* (2014), and *Scouts Guides To The Zombie Apocalypse* (2015). *Scouts Guides To The Zombie Apocalypse*, the movie that the writer chooses for this study tells about three young boys' scouts Ben, Carter, and Augie who find the true meaning of friendship in their final night of a camp. They go to visit an entertainment place where they have just realized that they are being surrounded by zombies. Then, the three of them and a sexy girl they have met fight against the zombies to save the city and of course to save themselves. The genre of this movie is comedy-horror that of course not only has some horrifying actions that scared the audiences but also has some cool funny actions that amuse the audiences.

Due to this movie consists many kinds of slang words that suitable with the theory of Slang Language by Eric Partridge (1954) and the theory of the functions of slang language by Leech (1983), the writer prefers analyze this movie to other movies. Besides, by analyzing this movie the writer can know slang words that never known before, and of course can understand the differences of slang language based on its types and its functions. Here, the example of the slang language that used in *Scouts Guides to the Zombie Apocalypse* movie:

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Ben	: Jeff sent you a fake address
Carter	: What???
Ben	: Carter, this is waste plant
	You get it? It's full of shit
Carter	: Motherfucker! God damn it!

The utterance **Motherfucker** is a slang word. It is usually used when someone gets angry, as like carter who is very angry because of that fake address that has given by his friend, Jeff. So that why he said to him "motherfucker". The word motherfucker signifies disappointment and anger in the movie, but in the

American slang dictionary 2006 by McGraw-Hill, it has meaning “a despicable adversary; a moronic jerk. It can be also a dangerous term that taboo to be said. It is because this word is really rude that will make the directed people get angry, then something bad may happen as like enmity and affray. Thus, the writer categorizes this slang word as slang of society. It is because this slang word refers to public words that are used by societies in their daily life or even in the particular situation.

Based on the example of analysis above, it can be concluded that everyone can understand slang words well. If the meaning is difficult, people can find it in a dictionary, especially slang dictionary, or other references that support to find the meaning. Slang dictionary contains terminology, definition, pronunciation, and usage in the sentences as well as the origin of the word. Slang dictionary also covers the newest slang words that have been studied by some linguists and also have been analyzed in detail to ensure the meaning, the spelling, and the grammar.

There are two previous studies which are related to this study. The first study was conducted by Sri W. (2016) and the second study was conducted by Annisa R. D. (2012). The differences of this study and previous studies are the source of data and theory. The first study analyzed the formation of slang words found in the conversation of 8 mile movie that proposed by Mattiello (1992) and social factors of sociolinguistics influenced the uses of slang words in the 8 mile movie that proposed by Holmes (2008). The second study analyzed the kind of slang word found in Hancock movie that proposed by Arikunto (1998), the word formation in every slang expression that proposed by Yule (2006) and the sociolinguistics aspects behind every slang expression that proposed by Fishman

(1972) while in this study analyzed the types and the functions of slang language used in *Scouts Guides to the Zombie Apocalypse* movie that proposed by Eric Partridge (1954) and Leech (1983). The similarities of this study and previous studies are to find the slang words that make people are difficult to understand.

1.2 Statement of the Problems

Based on the background of study above, the statements of the research problems are formulated as follow :

1. What are the types of slang language used in *Scouts Guide To the Zombie Apocalypse* movie ?
2. What are the functions of slang language used in *Scouts Guide To the Zombie Apocalypse* movie ?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

1. To explain the types of slang language used in *Scouts Guide To the Zombie Apocalypse* movie.
2. To explain the functions of slang language used in *Scouts Guide To the Zombie Apocalypse* movie.

1.4 Significance of the Study

Generally, there are two main significances of this study, theoretically and practically. Theoretically, this study is expected to give additional knowledge about the types and the functions of slang language. The next writer who wants to analyze the same topic of this study would be able to use this study as his or her reference.

Practically, the writer expects this study can help readers to understand or to catch what people say when they are talking by using slang language. In other word, the writer hopes this study can improve the knowledge of many people about slang language in their daily communication.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of the study is particularly about the theory of Slang Language by Eric Partridge (1954) and the theory of the functions of slang language by Leech (1983). The limitation of this study is the utterance of the characters that contain slang language in *Scouts Guides to the Zombie Apocalypse* movie in 2015.