

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

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

#### **1.1 Background of the study**

Language plays a very important role in human life. In fact, almost all of human life environment related to language since people need to interact with others in their daily life. In their interaction they communicate each other by using language as a communication device. According to Sapir (1921-8) in Lyons (1981), language is purely human and non-instinctive method of communicating ideas, emotion, and desires by means of voluntary produces symbols. Language allows people not only to communicate with others everyday but also to express their ideas, emotion, feelings in a literary works such as prose, drama, poetry, and so on.

Language may be uttered either in good language or bad language. Bad language covers certain words that are considered as the majority of taboo or not to be spoken in polite discourse. These words are considered too rude to be spoken, they are ever used, and consequently, and they remain a fixture in a language known for its passing trends and short-lived fashions. Bad language is

used all the time around us and is used in a variety of different ways. It is heard at school, at bus stops, train stations, around town, and with group of friends.

Nowadays, bad utterances are easily found in entertainments, movies, pictures, even in song lyrics. Lyric is a kind of poetry which is usually set in a song. For example, in some song lyrics, particularly in rap song lyrics express words which have meaning as swearing, slang, insult, etc. Cock, shit, fuck, pull the pope and so on are several examples of bad language. Many Indonesian teenagers use those words which are adopted from western country without filtering and understanding the meaning of those utterances.

In addition, rap is kind of music that comes from black people who have particular way of speech whether on their communication, grammar or diction and interestingly the words are sung rapidly in a song. There are many aspects of rap music that can be identified because from the beginning, rap has always been controversial. The lyrics are so vulgar, quite violent and then it will be found extreme aspect to be discussed in this study.

Many people even like rap music mostly teenagers as it is stated by Lilmrst (2007:1) rap music is about having fun, being able to express what youth are feeling and a way to keep youth out of trouble. The lyrics of rap song which contains unique words and the choices of rap words use many slang utterances can attract many teenagers. For native English speaker, it is easy to understand all contents of rap song lyrics yet it may be hard to understand for English learner especially Indonesian people. Even some of them do not know that rap song lyrics often express bad language.

There are a lot of popular rap songs all over the world but this study deals with Nicky Minaj song lyrics. Nicky Minaj is chosen in this study since she is a unique rapper. Only few females who can be rappers and one of them is Nicky Minaj. This Harajuku barbie queen wins best female hip hop artist 2012 BET Awards. She is a singer who always make an attractive performance with her various fashionable sexy costum. She has many fans because many people like her. Not only because she is beautiful but also her songs are quite awesome. The writer selects several song lyrics of hers as data sources of this study based on Top 10 Nicky Minaj Songs in Pop radio rage in [www.popcrush.com](http://www.popcrush.com).

After considering the reasons above, it is very important for the writer to conduct this study which focuses on the kinds of bad language, and the implied meaning of bad utterances expressed in Nicky Minaj's song lyrics.

## **1.2 Statement of the Problems**

The problems investigated in this study are:

- (1) What kinds of bad language expressed in the lyrics of Nicky Minaj's songs?
- (2) What are the implied meaning of bad utterances expressed in the lyrics of Nicky Minaj's songs?

## **1.3 Objectives of the Study**

Referring to the statement of problem, the objectives of the study are:

- (1) To find out kinds of bad language expressed in the lyrics of Nicky Minaj's songs lyrics.

- (2) To interpret the implied meaning of bad utterances expressed in Nicky Minaj song lyrics.

#### **1.4 Significance of the Study**

It is believed that the result of the study gives both theoretical and practical contribution. Theoretically, the result of this study is expected that it is useful to the sociolinguistics field especially about bad language and implied meaning of bad utterances expressed in lyrics and other forms. Practically, it can be useful for the readers especially the student of English Study Program to obtain some information about bad language. Besides, it can be used as a reference for further writers who want to analyze the things deal with this study.

#### **1.5 Scope and Limitation of the study**

This study focuses on identifying bad language especially in the lyrics of Nicky Minaj' songs. The scope of the study is the area of linguistics especially in Sociolinguistics and Pragmatics, while the limitation in the study is bad language especially in jargon, slang, insult and malediction, and swearing and cussing and also implicature. The writer selects several song lyrics based on Top 10 Nicky Minaj's songs on Pop radio rage in [www.popcrush.com](http://www.popcrush.com). The data in this study is analyzed verse by verse but the writer does not include the verse which does not represent any kinds of bad language.