

AN ANALYSIS OF SLANG WORD IN “THE KISSING BOOTH” MOVIE

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Abstract:

The journal is entitled *The Analysis of American Slang in The Kissing Booth Movie*. The purpose of this analysis is to find out whether primary slang and secondary slang are used by the characters in the film or not, as well as to find the type of meaning of the slang meaning based on the context of the situation of the word itself. The data used is taken from the script of the film entitled 'The Kissing Booth'. The documentation method is used to collect data and qualitatively will be explained by the theory proposed by Chapman (2007) which divides the types of slang into Primary Slang and Secondary Slang. The functions of language include communication, the expression of identity, play, imaginative expression, and emotional release. In addition, the theory proposed by Leech (1981) divides the types of meaning into seven types including conceptual meaning, connotative meaning, social meaning, affective meaning, reflected meaning, collective meaning, and thematic meaning. Slang that is found in the script of the film, and there are several types of secondary slang also found in the script. Among the seven types of meaning, only conceptual meaning, reflected meaning, and affective meaning were found. The meaning of these slang words is in accordance with the context in which the word is used. Language, is a system of conventional spoken, manual (signed), or written symbols by means of which human beings, as members of a social group and participants in its culture, express themselves.

Keywords:

Type of slang; types meaning of slang; context of situation; film



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INTRODUCTION

Background of the Study

Slang is considered a very informal word or expression that is commonly used in our everyday conversation. Even though the use of slang is really popular nowadays, in the past slang was often associated with vulgar words that were considered nonstandard language.

According to Chapman (2007) slang emerged from the special languages of subcultures and it has little to do with the main aim of language and it is the most nonlinguistic sort of language. Slang is the thing that everybody can recognize, and nobody can define it.

The use of slang by teenagers is still being counted on for innovation on creating new slang. In general, the use of slang is really popular and appears anytime and in all languages. It is interesting to do research on slang because it will give additional information on new words or speech in English and the true meaning of slang used in movies. Slang will be more interesting when studied further.

Problems of the Study

- a. What are the types of American Slang used by the characters in "The Kissing Booth" movie script?
- b. What is the meaning of slang word used by the characters in "The Kissing Booth" movie script?

Aims of the Study

- a. To find out the type of slang word used by the characters in "The Kissing Booth" movie script.
- b. To analyze the meaning of slang words used by the characters in "The Kissing Booth" movie script.

METHOD

Data Source

In this study, the data were obtained from the movie script entitled "The Kissing Booth" by Vince Marcello. It is a 2018 American teen romantic comedy movie directed by Vince Marcello. This study chose "The Kissing Booth" movie script as the data source because it is a great American teen romantic comedy movie that receives mostly positive reviews the important reason why this movie script was chosen is that its script contains a lot of slang words especially used by teenagers.

Method and Technique of Collecting.

The Data Since the data was obtained from the dialogues among the characters in the movie script "The Kissing Booth", the documentation method was applied to obtain the data. There are several steps used in this study when downloading the movie script; the second step was reading and understanding the movie script to find out the slang words used by the characters in the movie; the third one was taking notes on all utterances, and the last one was classifying the data based on the theory.

Method and Technique of Analyzing the Data

The descriptive qualitative method was used to analyze the DOI: 10.24843/JH.2018.v22.i01.p01 ISSN: 2302-920X Jurnal Humanis, Fakultas Ilmu Budaya Unud Vol 22.1 Februari 2018: 1-5 3 data. Descriptive means that the data were analyzed in words or sentences descriptively. There are several techniques used in this study to analyze the data such as classifying each conversation based on slang theories and choosing the conversation that contains slang, and the data were analyzed using the theory of slang proposed by Chapman (2007) and the theory proposed by Leech (1981).

Method and Technique of Presenting.

Analysis According to Sudaryanto (1993:145), there are two methods that can be used to present the analyzed data; there are formal and informal methods. Since the technique of analyzing the data applied the descriptive qualitative method the data were analyzed in

words or sentences descriptively, that's why the informal method was applied to present the analyzed data.

Slang is considered an independent non-literary language formation existing in a language (Burdová, 2009:8). Ghil'ad Zuckermann (an Israeli Linguist) stated that "Slang refers to informal (and often transient) lexical items used by a specific social problem, for instance, teenagers, soldiers, missionaries, and thieves" (Zuckermann, 2003:21).

Usually, Slang is used in daily conversation among teenagers but if the case is for soldiers or thieves, Slang is functioned as a secret code. As stated by Andersson and Trudgil (1990:87), Slang is always used self-consciously with the desire to create a particular identity, that is why Slang changes its identity according to who is using.

What is slang to one, may is not to another, depending on one's educational, economic or social position, and even according to location and generation. Slang also changes over time, and either disappears quickly. Many new words have emerged and formed by teenagers (Claire, 1998) such as what's up, lit, dammit, and so on.

Nowadays, slang would often find quite a lot in western movies, especially teenage ones, because teenagers are the community who often use it. In this case, the authors examine slang words that existed in a teenage movie entitled "The Kissing Booth".

The reason why the author chose this movie to be analyzed is that this movie is quite popular among teenagers since it was released last May, the year 2018 on NETFLIX. Despite the fact that every teenager is talking about the infamous Noah and Elle whenever they had a chance, it is highly doubted that they are able to understand the meaning behind all the slang used in the movie.

There are three functions for using slang (Yanchun and Yanhong, 2013). The first social function is the pursuit of self-identity, the second is to express the emotive feeling of the users, and the third is to achieve politeness. For this reason, the author wants to analyze the implementation of slang words and the accuracy between the real meaning and the subtitled slang words which existed in "The Kissing Booth" movie along with current issues that are happening in Indonesian communities, especially among teenagers.

The aim of this research is to provide the readers with more extensive words to broaden the knowledge of how natives use slang in their conversation and to understand better about slang words. The researchers also found several slang words that are often used by young people in Indonesia such as Savage, Dude, Dammit, Chill, etc.

This proves that some teenagers learn language through subtitles in films. The researchers focus on finding and analyzing slang words in the dialogue and subtitles of The Kissing Booth movie. This research is done with the hope to change the negative stereotype about the difficulty of learning English, which is mostly considered as a frightening specter for some students in Indonesia. The author wants to convey that learning English is a fun thing. Besides, just like a saying "kill two birds with one stone", we can be

entertained by watching our favorite movies and we can also get knowledge from our entertainment by understanding what the meaning of the words are.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

After collecting the data, the data is analyzed. First, the data are presented, the data are categorized according to Partridge's theory about types of slang. Second, choose some slang expressions that will be used in his research because the researcher found many slang expressions in the movie. Third, after the meanings are categorized and determined, he tabulates the data. The table consists of the selected slang expressions, the corpus, and the meaning. Fourth, the data is discussed and explained. For the last, the data concluded based on the analysis. This sub-chapter describes the analysis of slang words found in the movie script "The Kissing Booth". The data analysis in this study is divided into two parts, the first part is analyzing the context of the situation of the dialogue, and the second one is analyzing the type and meaning of American Slang uttered by the character in the movie script "The Kissing Booth".

Primary Slang

Skinny Dipping

In this scene Elle was drunk because The OMGs told her to drink so much drink. While the music was playing at Lee house, everyone was dancing next to the big pool. Elle was dancing on the table in front of everyone. She starts to feel the weather was hot, and probably it is the effect of the drink. So, she takes her clothes all off.

Elle: We should go skinny dipping!

There is only one participant involved in the conversation above. It is Elle, Lee's best friend. It is known that Elle is feel hot because she drinks too much. The conversation above is taking place in the backyard garden of the Lee house. In the conversation above, the topic spoken by the participant is about swimming naked or with no clothes on. The mode of the conversation above is obviously in spoken language in terms of dialogue between Elle and everyone at the party. The word "skinny dipping" is considered a slang word used to refer to "berenang telanjang". In addition, the slang word "skinny dipping" can also be used to ask people to swim together in the nude. In the statement above, the word "skinny dipping" means "berenang telanjang". In this case, the word "skinny dipping" is considered primary slang. Based on the context of the sentence above, the slang word "skinny dipping" is considered a word that has conceptual meaning because the meaning of the word in the sentence above is the same as the denotative meaning of the word itself.

Asshat

In this scene, Lee and Elle were swimming in Lee's house. Suddenly Noah shows up and asks Lee for his athletic cup.

Noah : Lee, you seen my athletic cup?

Lee : Yes, asshat. I needed it for all those varsity sports I'm constantly playing, you know?

There are two participants involved in the conversation above. The first one is Noah and the second one is Lee. The conversation above is taking place in the pool in Lee's house. In the conversation above, the topic spoken by the participants is about asking something. The mode of the conversation above obviously in spoken language in term of dialogue between the two participants, Noah and Lee. The word "asshat" is considered a slang word used to refer to "bastard". In addition, the slang word "asshat" also known as an asshole or an assclown this also could means someone who doesn't care, by reason of ignorance or malice, if his conduct demeans or offends another. In the statement above, the word "asshat" means "bastard". In this case, the word "asshat" is considered primary slang. Based on the context of the sentence above, the slang word "asshat" is considered a word that has conceptual meaning because the meaning of the word in the sentence above is the same as the denotative meaning of the word itself.

Secondary Slang

Jackasses

In this scene Noah was telling Lee that they are going to have a party at Friday night, because their mom and dad will be out of town.

Noah : When did you get the boobs?

Lee : When you were at football camp learning to be a better douche. It was almost like she was on human growth hormones or something.

Elle : Lee! Rule Number Two, please! Rule Number Two... Never share our secrets with anyone else.

Noah : Whatever. Listen. M and D are out of town Friday night, so party starts at eight. Don't invite any jackasses.

The conversation involves three participants, the first one is Noah, the second one is Lee and the third one is Elle. Noah is Lee's brother. Lee and Elle have had a really close relationship as best friends since they were born because their moms were best friends too at that time. In that situation, the conversation focuses on the way Noah was telling something important to Lee about the party that will be held. The conversation can be considered face-to-face conversation. This is indicated by the appearance of the word "jackasses". The speaker: Noah said "jackasses" instead of "loser" because the speakers are in the same environment as their interlocutor, which causes them to share the same knowledge and enough context to figure out what "loser" refers to. The word "jackasses" above can be classified as a person who is stupid, foolish, or offensive, or a male donkey. An idiot guy who shouts heckles at a wedding and who generally makes a fool of himself wherever he goes. So, the meaning of the word "jackasses" is in the context of the situation where the word is used for describing a loser.

Dick

In this scene, Elle was coming to the school wearing a short skirt, and a lot of people staring at her. One of that people touch her butt, Noah who saw it and can't help himself. He punches the guy and three of them got called to the office.

Noah : Wearing a skirt like that is asking for it.

Elle : Seriously? You want to go down that road?

Noah : No. I kind of just played the whole sexist conversation out in my head and it always ended with me sounding like a dick.

There are two participants involved in the conversation above. The first one is Noah and the second one is Elle. It is known that Noah gets upset because of someone treating Elle. The conversation above is taking place in front of the office in their school. In the conversation above, the topic spoken by the participants is about discussing why Elle wears a skirt like that to school. The mode of the conversation above obviously in spoken language in terms of dialogue between the two participants, Noah and Elle. The word "dick" is considered a slang word used to refer to "penis". In addition, the slang word "dick" can also be used to name a person who is considered rude, abrasive, inconsiderate, or otherwise contemptible. In the statement above, the word "dick" means "penis". In this case, the word "dick" is considered secondary slang. But based on the conversation above, the word "dick" refers to the name of someone's mind. So, the meaning of the word "dick" depends on the context of the situation where the word is used.

CONCLUSION

Slang words are a language which can be used in conversation among close friends, relatives, and acquaintances that some of them contains rude, crude, and sexual matters. After analyzing the types and the types of meaning of slang based on the context of situation of the movie script "The Kissing Booth" by Vince Marcello in the previous chapter, some conclusions can be made such as the kinds or the types of the American slang used in the movie script "The Kissing Booth" by Vince Marcello generally primary slang. There are twenty-five slang words uttered by the actors and actresses in the movie script. There are twelve words that can be classified as primary slang and thirteen words that can be classified as secondary slang. However, because this study focuses on secondary slang, only a few primary slang are analyzed. The interpretation of the meaning uttered by the characters is playing the important role in analyzing the words. In this study, in order to find out the correct meaning of the word, the analysis depends on the context of the situation in which the slang words are used, because one word can carry out several meanings. Related to the types of the meaning of the American slang found in the movie script, from the seven types of meaning, there are only five types such as conceptual meaning, stylistic meaning, affective meaning, and reflected meaning can be found. The reflected meaning is the type of meaning found in the movie script.

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