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Slang Words Used in Ride Along 2 Movie

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Abstract: *This study is aimed to identify the types of slang words and analyse the meaning of slang words. The data were taken from a movie entitled Ride Along 2. The data were collected through observation method which the technique is documentation, in order to find the movie script, select and classify the types of slang words. The data then were identified to find the types of slang words using the concept of slang proposed by Chapmann (1988) and the concept of meaning proposed by Leech (1974) was used to analyse the meaning of slang words. The data were discovered that there were 20 data of secondary slang dominantly used in the movie and 12 data of primary slang were not used as much as the secondary slang. After discovering the types of slang words, the meaning of slang words then were analysed and found that 17 data of connotative meaning used more dominant. Several meanings of slang word are found and mostly expressed by someone who tries to express the feeling or emotion of getting mad or surprised. Slang words mostly contain a certain domain such as violence, crimes, and sexuality.*

INTRODUCTION

In communication, language has a big role to be able to communicate with others. Language generally is a way of communication used by human to socialize and communicate. For daily activity, people tend to use language in informal ways to communicate or usually use slang in the middle of the conversation. According to Kentjono (2003), language is a kind of system that provides a combined vocal symbol used by group of people for cooperation, communication, and identification. Therefore, language plays an important role in communication due to it is able to create relation and maintain the relationship by communicating through language and it allows people to express and say something based on feeling and thought.

In order to communicate with other, language has been used long time ago as an important aspect in human's civilization. Language has a huge impact and function to all people and societies all around the world due to the fact that language is the way people are able to interact. By communicating through language, people can easily understand what is meant by using language through words and sentences that have meanings.

According to Holmes (2013), the use of a language is to ask and give an information and language is expressed through indignation anger, admiration, and respect. In general, language is a common way people use to communicate in order to create relation with one to another in social

life. In doing that, not only expressing the language through words and sentences, but also making the person understand what is said by conducting the language itself.

Slang is one of a kind of language, or on the other hand, is a language style that has a certain meaning whet it is spoken by people who live in a certain culture or society. Sometimes people use slang as an informal way of communicating only for people who are close with each other in social group. Slang words are used usually in speaking rather that writing due to the fact that it is informal and very inappropriate if it is used in a formal situation.

The use of slang is unsuitable for formal situation but perfect for informal situation. Spolsky (1998) stated that slang originally meant to abuse other. This statement implies that the words which blocks formal rules of the language usage is considered as slang. Yule (2014) stated that slang is an aspect of life that covers communication among young people and can be changed depends on the trend of life and it is able to differentiate a person from another by labelling that person from the slang that is spoken. Slang is a language which indicates informal situation that gives ideas and attitudes within community which is also divided into two types: primary and secondary slang (Chapman, 1988). According to Leech (1974) meaning is categorized into seven types. There are conceptual meaning, connotative meaning, stylistic meaning, affective meaning, reflected meaning, collocative meaning, and thematic meaning.

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Semantic

Semantic is derived by the word semantikos by from Greek which means “significant”. Semantic is referred to the study of meaning, changes in meaning, and what is the relationship between words or sentences in the meaning. semantic in general is simply the study of meaning of linguistic units, sentences, and words, which role is as a technical term referring to the study of meaning by understanding semantic as a part of language and linguistics. Richard, J. etal (1985) stated that semantic refers to the smallest units of meaning in a word, which is additionally a study both about symbols and signs that state a meaning and connect a meaning to another.

Meaning

Leech (1981) stated that English word meaning has a range of distinguishable and interconnected meanings. The meanings of word are both desecrate and distinguishable. It is not easy to say how many meanings of word have a casual reflection might initially suggest. Indeed, it might even promote the suspicion that many cases it is not just difficult in practice, but impossible even in principle, to say how many distinct meaning of words.

The Types of Meaning

Leech (1974) states that meaning is divided into seven types, there are conceptual meaning, connotative meaning, stylistic meaning, affective meaning, reflected meaning, collocative meaning, and thematic meaning. The meaning is something relates to the whole context of the conversation and situation. Based on the theory by Leech (1974), seven types of meanings are:

1. Conceptual Meaning

   Conceptual meaning is sometimes called denotative meaning which means the central aspect of communication which has no term and subtext in expressing it and can be shown to be integral to the essential functioning of language in a way that other types of meaning are not assumed to be said that conceptual meaning is the most important element of every act of linguistic communication.

2. Connotative Meaning

   This meaning means a suggested word that relates to an imagination or expressed through emotional that connects with words. Connotative meaning is the communicative value an expression has by virtue of what it refers to, over and above its purely conceptual content.
3. Stylistic Meaning

   This meaning is a meaning that includes about social content of its use. It relates to the situation which the utterance takes place in communication aspect created specifically by the use of language. In English, a particular idea can be expressed by using different linguistic structures (words, phrases, sentences etc.) thus creating stylistic meaning.
4. Reflected Meaning

   This means the word arises more than one conceptual meaning. It responds partly to one sense to another sense of the word, which is a phenomenon whereby a single word or phrase is associated with more than one sense or meaning. It is also known as coloring and contagion.
5. Collocative Meaning

   This refers to a group of two or more of words to usually be together. It means a specific context that compares to the other word. Leech (1974) states that the associative meaning of an expression has to do with individual mental understandings of the speaker which a word acquires in the company of certain words.
6. Thematic Meaning

   This means the way of the communication is conducted. It relates to a particular subject that is communicated by the way in which a speaker or a writer organizes the message in terms of ordering focus and emphasis.

RESEARCH METHOD

Research method is a design for conducting a research which needs to obtain the necessary procedures, such as information or research problems that simply is described in simple words. Therefore, research method is an important thing to do for conducting a research of study. Thi study used a descriptive qualitative method as a research method in conducting this study

1. Data Source

   Data source is source of where the data is taken from and obtained which includes the situations, events, people, interactions, and observed behaviours in the data (Arikunto, 1998). In supporting this study, the data was taken from the movie *Ride Along 2* and using its script in order to support the analysis of the data which was downloaded from internet.
2. Method and Technique of Collecting Data

   In conducting this study, observation method was used to obtain the data. Observation method are useful for researchers in order to obtain data in a variety way (SCHMUCK, 1997). Observation method used by watching the movie intensively. The technique for collecting the data was documentation which was finding the movie script, selecting and classifying in order to find out the types of slang words in the movie *Ride Along 2.*
3. Method and Technique of Analysing Data

   In analysing the data, the method used was qualitative method. Qualitative method requires the data in the form of words instead of number. The data were analysed based on the concept proposed by Chapmann (1988) and Leech (1974). The collected data from the movie script entitled *Ride Along 2* would be analysed in its entirety, starting from the type and meaning in an accordance with the theories applied in this study.
4. Method and Technique of Presenting Analysis

The method and technique of presenting data used was informal method in presenting the analysis. Descriptive technique was used as the part of informal method to presenting the data. The informal method is the method that numerical results are not the primary focus (Cristina, 2009). Descriptive technique is using words to give information of someone or something in accordance of what may happen in the area that is analysed. The technique to presenting the data were describing the types and meaning of slang words based on the concept proposed by Chapmann (1988).

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The data analysis in this chapter was started from the data presentation and then followed by the analysis of the types and the meaning of slang used in *Ride Along 2* movie using the concept of slang by Chapmann (1988) and the concept of meaning by Leech (1974).

Types of Slang

This section is dealt with the identification and classification based on types of slang words on Ride Along 2 movie script. According to Chapmann (1988), there are two types of slang. Primary and secondary.

Primary Slang

Primary slang is a kind of slang in a general way used by everyone and can be familiar with. Primary slang is very natural to be used by the speaker and it might be mute without it. Much of teenager talk and the speech or urban street gangs would be the example of primary slang.

Mayfield : "**Shit**. It's a gun."

The phrase shit is an expression yelled at something bad and surprising. It is also an exclamation usually one of amazement. According to Merriam Webster Dictionary, the word shit is the most functional English word. Shit is an exclamation of disbelieve, disgust, anger, or annoyance. Besides, it also means as anything displeasing or something not worth mentioning. The word shit belongs to primary slang because it is very natural to be used by the speaker and it might be mute without it.

Ben : "It's **bullshit**, James. Not taking me to Miami"

According to Merriam Webster Dictionary, bullshit is an expression to express anger or frustration which defines as a nonsense, especially foolish or insolent talk. It forms an important part of a number of colorful phrases, which is to seek an advantage or create a false impression by saying things that are not true. This slang is identified as a primary slang due to the fact that this slang is used quite common by people or urban street gangs in daily communication.

Secondary Slang

Secondary slang is a slang word that is only used by specific kind of group and spreading through people in society and has different meaning with the word in a secret way. Secondary slang contains stylistic choice rather the true identification and depends on situational context. It is usually used by a member of urban street gang, a criminal, a gambler, a drug user or seller, or a professional player.

James : "No, you don't listen. You're just a **rookie**."

According to Merriam Webster Dictionary, the word rookie is a sarcastic expression to describe someone is a beginner, newbie, new at something and not capable of doing things. In this context, the word rookie is not only to say or describe someone who is new at something, but also

describe a someone who is stupid, mean, and cannot be counted to do anything. This slang is identified as secondary slang due to the fact that this word is a stylistic choice rather than true identification.

Meaning of Slang Words

In this part, the data of slang words used by the characters in the movie Ride Along 2 was found and the meanings of slang words were identified using the theory proposed by Leech (1974). According to Leech (1974), there are seven types of meaning. There are conceptual meaning, connotative meaning, stylistic meaning, affective meaning, reflected meaning, collocative meaning, and thematic meaning.

Conceptual Meaning

Mayfield : "**Doan** worry. I got your back"
Ben : "I got your back too, James"

The word doan was constructed of phrase or alteration of do not or don't as an alternative spelling. The word doan was identified as a primary slang due to the interjection does not have the figurative meaning, but only has the literal meaning that has the same meaning as dictionaries. Based on the context of the conversation above, doan is a joke word of an actual word do not. In the movie, this happens when Ben is attacked by the gangster of the drug seller and his partner, Mayfield is beside him and tries to calm Ben down by saying doan worry.

Connotative Meaning

James : "Do you ever listen to the **shit** that fly out your mouth?"
Ben : "No"

In the conversation above, the shit word means slightly different from the previous meaning of data 1. This shit based on the context of the conversation mean something about a living thing that the actual word gets a change into shit which is able to interpret as a living thing that fly out Ben's mouth. In the movie, this happens when James is annoyed of Ben because Ben is talking too much then James tries to warn him by saying that which means by the whole sentence is Ben never recognizes what he says. This word shit is a word that refers to something bad, disgusting, and a sign of bad luck.

This shit is categorized as a connotative meaning as described by Leech (1974). According to Leech (1974), connotative meaning is a meaning that usually is understood as a cultural or emotional meaning that is carried by word and phrase and in order to say to its explicit or literal meaning.

Affective Meaning

Mayfield : "**Shit**. It's a gun."
Ben : "Zoom in."

The word shit in this sentence is used to categorize the word with bad attitude, poor, suck, and generally displeasing and this slang word was used as informal greeting. This word was identified as a primary slang due to the fact that this is made from teenagers and urban street gangs. Based on the context, shit means something about a feces. In the sentence of the conversation in the movie, shit here means of surprising event that happens in a sudden. This happens when Mayfield and James are doing an investigation to the drug seller and are not expecting that the drug sellers bring a gun. This word has been used by people around the world especially in English

speaking country, where speaker and listener could easily understand it.

Shit is categorized as an affective meaning based on the principle of the theory proposed by Leech (1974). According to Leech (1974), affective meaning is a meaning that has more direct reflection to the personal attitude or feelings or the kind of situation. Shit has a bad literal meaning that refers to the feces of a living creature.

CONCLUSION

After analyzing the slang words used by characters in the movie Ride Along 2, which consists of the types and meaning of slang words, the conclusion can be made. The types of slang words found in the movie showed that slang words are dominantly identified as secondary slang and 20 data were found as secondary slang due to the fact that the secondary slang in this movie are used to describe specific thing, person and meaning dominantly in a certain situation or community by the characters. The other types of slang words found in this movie is primary slang which 12 data were found as primary slang and not used as much as the secondary slang in certain conversation.

After identifying the types of slang words, the meaning of slang words also were found using the concept proposed by Leech (1974), which consists of seven types of meaning. It showed that the connotative meaning is used dominantly as 17 data were found as connotative meaning in terms of types of meaning proposed by Leech (1974) which showed that is used to express kind of values and attitudes uttered apart from the core meaning. Several meanings of slang word are found and mostly expressed by someone who tries to express the feeling or emotion of getting mad or surprised. One of the slang words have some others meaning in the way it gets interpreted and it is based on the context of the situation and the thing or topic the characters try to talk about. Slang words mostly contain a certain domain such as violence, crimes, and sexuality.

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