

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

In social life, our society consists of many different people with their own jobs or professions. The occupations will be very interesting to be studied because each job has a special characteristic. One of the characteristics is the language, which used when applied on activities.

The main tool of communication is language. Humans always create language from time to time, because human is considered socially creative. The development of language will also relate to how people use language in social interaction. For getting a clear explanation of language that people use in social interaction, people need a study to use on it.

According to Chaika (1982:2) such study is called Sociolinguistics, that's the study of the way people use language in social interaction dealing with the environment around them, how the people use language among their group in their jobs.

In daily life, there are so many concrete examples of language function in expressing emotion. When one is speaking, he or she either consciously or unconsciously expresses his or her emotion verbally or non verbally. The presence of such words used in swearing when people express their emotion slowly is considered taboo although; these kinds of word are able to reflect the emotion of the speaker.

In a fact, the use of slang by the homeless drifter in Salatiga is very interesting. A slang word which is used in society will show the special condition in communication process, they are:

1. In the process of communication, the information or the message conveyed by first speaker will be well received by second speaker; the language used like now is understandable for them to know. Meanwhile, if the communication uses language, which is not understandable, there will be obstacle. The obstacle appears since the first speaker to the second one cannot convey the information of the message.
2. Slang for the homeless drifter in Salatiga has different characteristics from the other slang. The characteristic of slang for the homeless drifter community is created by their community that comes from the homeless drifter who always squat on around the Ramayana Mall in Salatiga.
3. Up to this time slang for the homeless drifter in Salatiga is un known by many people around them. Therefore, it happens since the specific word contains certain formation, which is applied in common, language and therefore, certain group or individual user only knows it.

Slang used by the homeless drifter in Salatiga is one of the developing languages for the creativity result of the language user, the certain formation process which is differently used compare with the language used by people in general. The researcher lives in Salatiga, so she easily does the research to look for and collect the data easily.

B. Previous Research

To prove the originality of this study, the writer presents the previous researchers, they are:

Arif Hidayati studied (1999) about ‘SLANG USED BY PROSTITUTE’S TICKETS SCALPERS IN KOPENG (MORPHOLOGICAL AND SEMANTICS ANALYSIS)’. The main idea in her research is how prostitute’s tickets scalpers used the slang word for their community by identifying morphological form of the slang and also identifying the semantics relations in the slang words.

Tri Widayanik studied (1999) about ‘AN ANALYSIS OF SLANG WORDS USED IN RAP MUSIC’, she analyzed the characteristic of non standard English used, the context of situation based on Hasan and Halliday’s theory and the form of non-standard English. She described the lexical and contextual meaning of slang words with socio semantic approach in Missy Elliot song’s.

From the studies above, the writer will analyze the linguistic form and the used of slang words by Homeless Drifter in Salatiga in the frame of sociolinguistics.

C. Research Problems

The research problems are formulated as follows:

1. What are the forms of slang words used by Homeless Drifter in Salatiga?
2. What are the meanings of slang words used by Homeless Drifter in Salatiga?

D. Objectives of the Study

Based on the problem statement above the objective of the research are as follows:

1. To clarify the linguistic form of slang words in Salatiga.
2. To describe the meanings of slang words in Salatiga.

E. Benefits of the Study

The writer hopes that this research will have some benefits:

1. Practical Benefits:
 - a. This study will give more understanding to the reader that slang language is blossom in society.
 - b. This study will give more information to the reader about the meaning of slang.
2. Academicals Benefits
 - a. The readers will get more varieties of knowledge about slang word.
 - b. Other researchers can use this research as a reference in conducting further research about slang.

F. Organization of the Research Paper

The paper organization of this research paper is given in order that the readers are able to understand the content of the paper easier. They are as follows:

Chapter I is Introduction which consists of the background of study, previous study, problem statement, objectives of the study, the benefits of the study, and paper organization.

Chapter II is Underlying Theory. It deals with the Sociolinguistics theory, Dell Hymes SPEAKING theory, notion of slang words, and the concept of Homeless Drifter, linguistics form, and the theory of meaning.

Chapter III is the research method. It consists of the type of research, the object of the research, the source of data, method of data collection, and the technique of analysis.

Chapter IV is research result. In this chapter, the writer will present the data analysis and discussion of research finding.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion.