

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

One of the functions of language is to mediate people to interact each other. This is in accord to Halliday (1978: 21) who notes that language through its interaction function empowers people to build inter – individual interaction. Thus, it is extremely important to human interaction, because it is how we reach out to make contact with our surroundings (Samovar and Potter, 1995: 150).

However, before occupying such function, language has to go through such process in which a speakee infers what a speaker tries to convey. This inference involves his or her knowledge about the social or situational context surround the interaction. One, for example might quickly switch on the air conditioner, after his or her guest says: “It’s very hot here!”, knowing that she or he has had a quick glance on the air conditioner.

Many approaches are suggested to study how language carries its meaning. Pragmatics is one of them. According to Fasold (1993: 119), pragmatics is the study of the use of context to make inferences about meaning. It suggests language speaker to get focused not only on what’s being said, but also on elements directly take an utterance into a meaningful being and that is the situational context surround the utterance, when having to understand what other says. The case on the air conditioner is how pragmatics works.

Hundreds or even thousands human expressions are conveyed through the help of situational context embedded within the utterance. Most expressions of mockery, as an instance, employ situational context, so that the target of the mockery gives responds, by being angry or at least being insulted. Below is the example of expression of mockery taken from Eminem's single called *Without Me*:

I know you gotta job Ms. Chinney

But your husband's heart problem is complicated

Through semantic analysis, it is presumable that those sentences are the way a speaker expresses his sympathy on Ms. Chinney's husband heart problem. However, within a situational context describing that she and Eminem were once involved in a dispute, those are exactly not the way to sympathize. She is one of the members of United State senates that proposes to fight against violence on mass media. And Eminem is one of the persons who exploits violence for public consumption, as he mostly uses rude language and picks topics of violence on his songs. Moreover, on his video clips, he pretends to act like an old man which refers to Ms. Chinney's husband and gets electrical shock to wake him up from passing out, with a very mockingly mimic.

Mockery is the act of mocking, deriding and exposing to contempt by mimicry, by insincere imitation, by a false show of earnest, or a counterfeit appearance (www.hyperdictionary.com/dictionary/mockery). People use the

expression normally to irritate others, for whatever reasons encourage them to do so.

The use of expression of mockery has been such a great wave like – phenomenon on American's song lyrics, ever since what's known with *teen pop* rules its music industry. Artists who don't belong to this genre think that teen popers such as Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Back Street Boys, N'Sync, etc are not musically qualified. Thus, they express their hatred at them by expressing mockery on their songs they write. Mostly, their video clips play important role in presenting this mockery. Even today, the mockery has not always gone to the teen popers themselves, it might go to politician, businessmen and so on.

Thus, the writer would like to conduct a study on expressions of mockery used in Americans' song lyrics through the approach of pragmatics. And the title of this study is A STUDY ON EXPRESSION OF MOCKERY IN EMINEM'S *THE EMINEM SHOW*: PRAGMATICS APPROACH.

A. Scope of the Study

The scope of the study is on how mockeries are expressed in Eminem song lyrics only. The writer would also analyze the artists' video clips, "The writer analyzes the songs taken from "The Eminem Shows". The songs are *Without Me, Paul Rosenberg, Sing for the Moment, Superman and Hailie's Song*.

B. Previous Study

The writer has not found out any study on mockery expression. However, studies on expression that are close to the mockery, such as humor is not something rare.

Abdi Nugroho Triwahono is the 1998 graduate, with his research paper entitled *THE STRUCTURE OF HUMOR IN LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE* and Lilik Istikomah is the 1999 UNS graduate, with her research entitled *AN ANALYSIS OF HUMOR IN HOOP DREAMS EPISODE OF SUDDENLY SUSAN*. The difference between their studies is that Lilik Istikomah attempted to analyze the key factors enabling the violation on cooperative principle and disharmony on the act of speech act that cause the humor. While Abdi Nugroho Triwahono did not attempt to do that. They use the same approach; pragmatics.

The writer, on the other hand, studies the expression of mockery instead of humor, with the same approach. She attempts to reveal the key factors enabling the expression to cause mockery, instead of those that enable the violations and the disharmonies to cause humor. Peoples don't always violate the cooperative principles and disharmonies between the acts of speech acts.

C. Problem Statement

The problem statements of the study are:

1. What referents do Eminem use to express mockery on their song lyrics?
2. What are the key factors that enable the utterances to cause mockery?

3. How do Eminem express their mockery in their songs?

E. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study are:

1. To discuss the referents mockery on Eminem song lyrics.
2. To reveal the key factors enable the utterances to cause mockery.
3. To discuss how Eminem express their mockery on their song lyrics.

F. Benefit of the Study

1. For academic matter, the study is intended to be a reference for other study on expression of mockery.
2. For practical matter, the study is intended to open the readers' views toward the use of expression of mockery.

G. Research Paper Organization

Chapter I is the introduction of the study. It consists of background of the study, scope of the study, previous study, problem statement, objectives of the study, benefit of the study, theoretical approach, research method and bibliography.

Chapter II is underlying theories. It consists of preview of Eminem, notion of mockeries, notion of pragmatics.

Chapter III is research method. It consists of type of research, object of the study, data, method of collecting data and technique of analyzing data.

Chapter IV is data analysis. Here, the writer would conduct the analysis of the study. It consists data analysis and discussion of the findings.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion. Here, the writer would like to draw conclusions about the study and recommend some suggestion regarding to this study.

What follows Chapter V are bibliography and appendix.