A SOCIOLINGUISTICS STUDY OF ENGLISH SWEARWORDS IN BAD BOYS 2 MOVIE

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A. Background of the Study

Communication is the medium of human interaction to extend information, opinion, and feeling. By language, human beings can express their ideas and communicate to other people. In every language there is a term known as “four letters”. Four letters are words that are improper to be said and known as swearwords. The swearword is used in non formal or non standard vocabulary and the swearword belongs to any groups.

Some swear words are used to give pressure and explanation to the statements. For example there are two statements: “that’s awesome and that’s fucking awesome to something. The word “fucking” on the second statement gives more value of pressure of amazed feeling. Nowadays, those words are commonly heard not only in the crime world, but also by women who ought to be polite and sensitive in talking. The writer finds these similar phenomena dealing with utterances in the movie manuscript. In the manuscript, the writer finds a lot of conversations which use swearwords. In “Bad Boys 2” movie manuscript I found some interesting swear words such as

Roberto: “what kind of breed are they”

Marcus: “big motherfucker”

In this research, the writer will analyze the swearwords in the “Bad Boys 2” movie in this script, she finds some conversation which is use word
with its situational context and its social relationship between the speaker, that also describes who they are, where the conversation takes place, when, in what situation and what language varieties and purposes are used. According to Holmes (1992:1), “Sociolinguistics studies the relationship between language and society”. Language that we use, in addition for extending information, can be used for extending information about the participant themselves. For example: age, gender, social status, the character and the participant’s belief”.

Moreover the sociolinguistic aspect will be coped according to Dell Hymes in Wardhaugh (1986: 235) states speaking consists of: setting or scene, participant, end, act sequence, key, instrument, norm and genre.

This research will discuss swearwords in “Bad Boys 2” movie manuscript in a written text that is realizations of utterance uttered by the actors in film with the title “Bad Boys 2”.

B. Previous Study

The writer finds several researchers related to this research. First, Lilis Kusumawati (2006), a UMS student conducted her study entitles “A Study on Abusive Language in Drama Films Socio-Pragmatics Study”. The research focused on Abusive language by using semantic theory especially types of meaning and the varieties of abusive language. In her research, she analyzed the referent of abusive language, the referent, the intention and the reasons of using abusive language by applying speaking theory of Hymes.

Second, Khoirun Nafiah (2007) a UMS student conducted the study
entitles A Sociolinguistics Analysis of American Slang Used in Pretty Woman Manuscript (Sociolinguistics Study). The research focused on analyzing slang used in Pretty Woman movie manuscript.

Based on the research above, the writer observes: Swear word in ‘Bad Boys 2” movie manuscript. The writer analyzes the form of swearwords and the reason of using swearword in “Bad Boys 2” movie manuscript.

C. Problem Statements

The research problems in this research are as follows:

1. What are the forms of swearwords used, in the “Bad Boys 2” movie?
2. What are the reasons of using swear words in the “Bad Boys 2” movie?

D. Objective of the Study

In line with the statement of the problem, the objectives of this study are:

1. to describes the forms of swearwords by the character in the “Bad Boys 2” movie, and
2. to explain the reasons of using swear words in the “Bad Boys 2” movie.

E. Benefit of the Research

1. Theoretical benefit

To give additional information to linguistic researcher dealing with sociolinguistics study of swearword
2. Practical benefit
   a. The information could be appropriate input for readers in understanding swearwords.
   b. The study may be useful as references for other researchers to do sociolinguistic research

F. Research Paper Organization

This research consists of five chapters:

Chapter 1 comprises background of the study, problem statements, objective of the study, the benefit of the research, paper organization.

Chapter 2 discusses underlying theory that covers swearwords, linguistics form, sociolinguistics, and sociolinguistic aspects.

Chapter 3 is research method that consists type of research, object of research, data source, method of data collection, and technique of data analysis.

Chapter 4 presents research result and discussion of the finding.

Chapter 5 is conclusion and suggestion.