

**A STUDY ON METAPHORICAL EXPRESSION
USED IN GREATEST HITS: MY PREROGATIVE
BRITNEY SPEARS SONG**



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Human starts to learn something by using language. There are many languages that one can learn, from the language itself or from the other languages, or sometimes people say in foreign language. Language itself, a means of communication is used to share human ideas, knowledge, and feelings. Language can help people do their daily activities, in any situation and condition. Language will get progress in time and decade; language is always changing. There will be no rules in language, as long as people understand, languages always change depending on time and decade so the rule of language become fade, means that flows avoiding grammar such slang word. Usually each language has their own specification; it depends on ones own culture and country.

There is one language which becomes an international language, English language. People always call English language as an international language for communication among people in the world even they are from different countries, cultures, and language background. In spoken English, sometimes we use gesture such as flashing eyes, and moving part of the body for expressing feeling and ideas. For example, moving a head up and down for saying the agreement, moving the mother finger up for saying good. However

usually body language will be used if the voice can not be heard. (Robert, 1984: 47).

If people want to learn more about language they can learn linguistics. Linguistics is a scientific study of language. Someone who engages in this study is called a linguist. The central concern of theoretical linguistics is to characterize the nature of human language ability, or competence: to explain what it is an individual knows when said to know a language; and to explain how it is that individuals come to know languages. There is some basic innate property of humans causing them to be able to use language. There is no discernible genetic process responsible for differences between languages: an individual will acquire whatever language(s) they are exposed to as a child, regardless of parentage or ethnic origin. Linguistics compares languages and explores their histories, in order to find universal properties of language and to account for its development and origins. Applied linguistics puts linguistic theories into practice in areas such as foreign language teaching, speech therapy, translation, and speech pathology. Linguistic has a lot of meanings, and it depends on each person views. Much linguistic will use on such kind of literary work such as; poets, philosophy, and also the person within; philosophers, philologists, psychologists, biologists, anthropologists, and neurologists, linguistic inquiry is pursued by a wide variety of specialists, as journalist Russ Rymer put it (www.esiclopedia.com):

Linguistics is arguably the most hotly contested property in the academic realm. It is soaked with the blood of poets, theologians, philosophers, philologists, psychologists, biologists, anthropologists,

and neurologists, along with whatever blood can be got out of grammarians.

If people learn about linguistics deeper, they will know the item of metaphor. A metaphor is a language style that contains an expression that compares two things directly denotation and connotation and usually in the shape of a simile. If one trusts many other experts, the ambiguity of metaphorical discourse might well seem no more mysterious than singing or dancing (George Orwell in the [Internet Movie Database](#)). A metaphorical statement appears to be perversely asserting something to be what it is plainly known not to be (and that makes the metaphor user look like a liar or a deceiver). Metaphors will give a different meaning from their context, because connotation becomes one other meaning. So that's why sometimes metaphors look like a liar or deceiver.

Example:

Taken from "Toxic"

With a taste of a poison paradise I'm addicted to you (it is called a mixed metaphor, one leaps from one identification to a second identification that is inconsistent with the first one).

Example:

Taken from "toxic"

I'm on a ride You're toxic (it is called an active metaphor, because it is not part of a daily language and is noticeable as a metaphor).

People believe that poem and lyric has a lot of lies and deceiving, because metaphor becomes one of a strong root. People love something over, not real, full imagination. With the lyric from Britney Spears songs “My Prerogative” the writer wants to analyze these songs carefully by using metaphor. After reading the lyric, listener will know about the topic of the text. They are able to understand the sentences, which they read or listen. In the song there are messaging and meaning. The writer is interested in carrying out a research dealing with metaphor used in Britney spears songs. So the writer takes this thesis entitled A STUDY ON METAPHORICAL EXPRESSIONS USED IN BRITNEY SPEARS’ ALBUM MY PREROGATIVES

B. Problem Statements

In conducting this research, the writer will formulate the problem of the research as follows:

1. What are the types of metaphorical expression used in Britney Spears’ album “My Prerogatives”?
2. What are the messages conveyed in the Britney Spears’ album “My Prerogatives”?

C. Limitation of the Study

The writer here wants to limit the problems of the research as the following statements:

1. The writer only uses the Britney Spears' album "My Prerogatives" to compare things inside of the Britney Spears songs.
2. The writer merely analyzes Britney Spears' album "My Prerogatives" by using metaphorical analysis identified by Miller because this approach is the most significant.

D. Objective of the Study

The purposes of writing this research as formulated in advance are:

1. to identify the types of metaphorical expression in Britney Spears' album "My Prerogative"
2. to describe the messages conveyed in Britney Spears' album "My Prerogative"

E. Benefit of the Study

The writer wishes that this research gives benefits as follows:

1. Theoretically,

This will help the reader to identify all kind of metaphorical expression of the message from Britney Spears' songs; it is supposed to make an easier way to understand or the lyrics. By using the metaphorical theories, it will

be easier for the readers to separate and divide the metaphorical style based on the songs “My Prerogative” Britney Spears’ album.

2. Practically,

- a. In listening to the music, the readers can grasp the message better
- b. The writer hopes that the readers can make right and good metaphor in their literary writing not only in lyrics.

F. Previous Study

In this section, writer would like to present example of previous research related to the lyrics, and song from Husna Sayang Hati (2002) entitled “*A Study on the Figurative Language Used in “Coast to Coast” Westlife Songs*”. In her research she analyzed the song focused on figurative language on Westlife’s song. The study is different from hers, here the writer wants to analyze the songs carefully and more specific by using metaphorical analysis, which is part of figurative language.

G. Paper Organization

In order to have guidance for either the writer herself in arranging the research, or for the reader in reading the whole content, the writer constructs the research outline. This research paper, consists of five chapters. Chapter I is introduction which includes: background of the study, previous study and paper organization. Chapter II is underlying theory; this chapter concerns the identification and the explanation about metaphorical. Chapter III is research

method, which consists of three points: data source, method of collecting data, and techniques of data analysis. Chapter IV is data analysis and discussion of the findings. This chapter primarily concerns the analysis of Britney Spears' Album "My Prerogative" by using metaphorical approach. Chapter V is Conclusion and Suggestion.