

**A STUDY ON MILITARY REGISTER  
USED IN WAR MOVIE**



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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### A. Background of the Study

In our daily life, the need of communication is unavoidable. Communication takes an important role in our life as a human being in order to make an interaction with others. Communication means sharing some information that we know. In sharing that information we need a language as media to transfer it.

Language is an important aspect in our daily life. We need and we use language everyday. Language plays an important role in communication. Through language people are able to express their feelings, ideas, or intention clearly. They are also able to get information easily by reading newspaper, watching television, or listening to the radio with the help of language. In short, language is the main and important tool in communication.

In communication there are at least two parties. They are speaker or writer and listener or reader. Beside that, there is also another element in communication that is quite important channel, e.g. telephone, television, and later or printed media.

In using language people not only use the standard language which is easy to be understood by other people. They sometimes use language variation which will show their identity. They use register in their

communication process which is clearly understood by particular people. That is why, to make the communication fluent, people also need to know and understand register of particular field which they frequently use in their communication.

Linguistic varieties linked ... to occupations, professions, or topic have been termed register (Harold 1996: 40). The register of law, for example is different from the register of medicine, which in turn is different from the language of engineering – and so on. Register is usually characterized solely by vocabulary differences, either by the use of particular words, or by the use of words in a particular sense.

From the explanation above, we know that register is a variety language that understood only by a few of people. That is why the writer wants to observe the register in the movie. Why the movie?, the writer chooses the register in the movie to observe because many people like movie and enjoy the movie especially war movie. Based on this phenomenon, the writer is eager to conduct a research entitled *A STUDY ON MILITARY REGISTER USED IN WAR MOVIE*.

## **B. Previous Study**

The study of register has been conducted by several researchers. The followings are some of them. Budhiono (2001) investigated registers used in National Basket Ball Association (NBA) Games in US of America. In his analysis, he found that generally registers used in the NBA games

are in form of word or phrase. This means that each register used in represents one event that is happened in either the games or the NBA in general.

In similar vein, Iskandar (2005) conducted his research on registers used in Billiard Game. He showed that the registers used in Billiard Game are in the form of word and compound word. He also found that register on billiard game are able to be divided based on characteristic and the meaning. Based on the characteristic, register can be divided in to four terms. They are Technical term, Shot term, Instrument term, and General term. Whereas based on the kinds of meaning, registers can be grouped into six categories: the register meaning is narrower than the real meaning, the register meaning is broader than the real meaning, the register meaning shares some features of meaning, the register meaning is identical to real meaning, and the register meaning presents new word that has no real meaning.

In little different mode, Eko (2003) studied the register used by a group of transsexual in Solo using sociolinguistic approach. He found that registers used by a group of transsexual in Solo consist of three types: word which can be traced back to its original, word which becomes a term, and sentence. The first type of data is word which can be traced back to its original. In this type, the data can be classified into six further types, namely: (1) prefix {*si-*} variant, (2) infix {*e*} + suffix {-*ong*} variant, (3) suffix {*se-*} variant, (4) infix {*e*} + suffix {-*i*} variant, (5) infix {*e*} +

suffix {-es} variant, and infix {in}. The second type is word which become a term, e.g. *racun*, *brondong*, *sundari*, *sedot*, *njambu*, etc. He concluded that those words are formed without using the morphological process and those words are formed free without using a certain rule. Finally the third type is the sentence. He concluded that the transsexual usually do not speak by using the complex sentence, their language is very simple.

Considering the above researchers, it is clear that the register about military used in war movie has not been yet conducted. Therefore, this topic is interesting to study and it is useful to enrich the previous research about register.

### **C. Research Problem**

The problems of this research are:

1. What are the dimensions of military register used in war movie?
2. What is the meaning of those registers?

### **D. Limitation of the Study**

In this research, the writer tries to focus his study of register. The writer limited his study by focusing on military register in movie. Then, the writer chose war movie as the object of the study. The writer chose war movie because it contains a lot of military register. The writer chooses

three war movies to observe: *Black Hawk Down*, *Full Metal Jacket*, and *Three Kings*.

#### **E. Objective of the Study**

Based on the formulation of the problem mentioned above this research tries:

1. to identify the dimensions of military register used in war movie focused on the field, mode, and tenor.
2. to reveal the meaning of the military register used in war movie focused on grammatical, lexical, textual meaning.

#### **F. Benefits of the Study**

The results of this study is hoped to give contribution on:

##### 1. Academic Benefits

The results of this research can:

- a. Enrich the study on register, in general, and
- b. Support the development of the subject dealing with language acquisition in term of sociolinguistics.

##### 2. Practical Benefits

This research:

- a. Enable the readers to know the military register used in war movie, and
- b. Give a clear description about the meaning of the military register.

### **G. Research Paper Organization**

This paper is organized as follows:

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

Chapter II presents the underlying theories that consist the notion of register, the function of register, the form of register, the context of register's use, the kinds of meaning, and the dimensions of the register.

Chapter III deals with research method consisting of type of the research, object of the study, data and source, method of data collection, and technique of data analyze.

Chapter IV presents the data analysis and the discussion of the finding.

Chapter V deals with some conclusion and suggestion for the study.