

**A PRAGMATIC STUDY ON MOCKERY UTTERANCES IN  
COMEDIES MOVIE MANUSCRIPT**



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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

One of language function is to mediate people to interact each other. This is according to Halliday (1978:21) who notes that language through its interaction function empower people to build interindividual interaction, this it is extremely important to human interaction, because it is how we reach out to make contact with our surrounding.

However, before occupying such function, language has to go through such process in which a hearer infers what a speaker tries to convey. In this inference it involves the speaker's knowledge about the social or situational context surround the interaction.

Many approaches are suggested to study how language carries its meaning. Pragmatic is the study of context to make inferences about meaning. It suggests the speaker to get focus not only on what is being said, but also on elements directly taken on utterance to be more meaningful and that is the situational context surround the utterance, when having to understand what other says.

For instance: the servant might quickly switch off the air conditioner, after the guest says: "*it's very cool here!*"

Knowing that they get cold, the servant turns off the air conditioner. The case on the air conditioner is how pragmatic works.

There are many expressions of human conveyed through the help of situational context embedded within the utterance. Most expression of mockery as an instance, employ situational context, so that the target of mockery gives responds, by being angry or at least being insulted. Below is the example of expressions of mockery taken from *American Pie* movie manuscript.

Stifler: *you coming to party to night Ostreicher, ya fuckface*

Through pragmatic analysis it is presumable that the sentence above is the way how the speaker expresses his mock to his friend (Ostreich), however, within a situational context describing that Stifler asks to Ostreich whether he came to the party that night with a very mockingly mimic.

Mockery is the act of mocking, deriding and exposing to contempt by mimicry, by insincere imitation, by false show of earnest or counterfeit appearances (Thomas, 1999: 01). People use the expression normally to irritate others, for whatever reasons encourage them to do so.

Mockery utterances in comedies movie are not only used to mock the rival but also friend because in comedies movie the usage of mockery not only used to people are hated but also to the friend even closed friend. Even today the mockery has not always gone to the teenager themselves it might go to politician, businessmen and so on.

The writer finds those similar phenomena dealing with such as mockery utterances in comedies movie of “*10 things I hate about you and Kungfu Panda*”. The reasons why the writer chooses these movies to analyzed because of the usage of mockery utterances in these movies have the interesting reason and intention in using.

Thus, the writer would like to conduct the utterances of mockery used in “*American Pie and 10 Things I hate About You Kungfu Panda Movie* manuscript through the approach of pragmatic and the title of this study is “***A Pragmatic Study on Mockery Utterances in Comedies Movie Manuscript***”.

## **B. Previous Study**

The writer finds several researches related to this research. They have same topic or subject but different in using the way or source to apply it. The first one belongs to Wawan Setiyawan (2005) a UMS student, conducted his study entitles “*Socio-semantic Analysis of dirty words used in action film manuscript*”. In his research, he analyzed the referent of dirty word, the meaning of dirty word, by applying speaking theory of Hymes. He conducted the research in the perspective of socio-semantic study.

The other research that is closed to this research is “*A study on expression of mockery in Eminem’s song lyric: Pragmatic approach*” by Rosaria Suryani (2004) a UMS student in her research paper. She elaborated the varisous way of expressing mockery used by Eminem by using pragmatic

approach she attempts to reveal the key factors enabling expression to caused mockery, instead of those that enable the violation and the disharmonies to cause humor. People do not always violate the cooperative principles and disharmonic between the acts of speech act. Similar to Rosaria who observed the expressing of mockery in Eminem's song lyric, by using pragmatic study, the writer also analyzes the mockery utterances in comedies movie manuscript basically the research has the same topic as the above researchs. However, the writer uses different object.

Different from Wawan that elaborated dirty words in action film manuscript, the writer observes mockery utterance in comedies movie manuscript. The difference lies on the form of the research. Wawan used socio-semantic study whereas the writer used pragmatic study. In this research, the writer will analyze the intention of mockery utterances, and the reason of using mockery utterances. The writer conducts the research in the perspective of pragmatic study. Thus, the function of this research is to continue the previous study.

### **C. Focus of Study**

Based on the background of the study, the writer formulates the problem as follows.

1. What are the intentions of using mockery utterances?
2. What are the reasons of using mockery utterances?

#### **D. Objective of the Study**

Based of the formulation above the objective of this research are:

1. To classify the intentions of mockery utterances.
2. To describe the reasons of mockery utterances.

#### **E. Limitation of the Study**

In this research, the writer limits the problem on English utterances of mockery used by the character in comedies movie, the analysis will focus on the intention, and the reasons of mockery in the comedies movie of “*American pie, Kungfu Panda and 10 things I hate about you*”.

#### **F. Benefit of the Study**

1. For academic purpose.

This research will become an additional reference in understanding the pragmatic study that is used in mockery utterances.

2. For practical purpose.
  - a. This research will give more understanding to the reader about mockery utterances used in expression of mocking.
  - b. It is able to give description how people can prevent misunderstanding in expressing of mockery.

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

This research will be conducted as follows: Chapter I is the introduction of the study. It consists of background of the study ; the previous study ; problem statement ; objectives of the study ; limitation of the study, benefit of the study, and research paper organization.

Chapter II is underlying theory. It consists of the notions of pragmatic, speech act theory, the notion of mockery, and SPEAKING formula.

Chapter III is Research method. It consists of type of research, object of research, data and data source, technique of collecting data, Technique of Data Analysis.

Chapter IV is Analysis and discussion. It consists of Data Analysis, and Discussion of the Finding.

Chapter V is conclusion, Implication and suggestion.