

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **A. Background of the Study**

Language as people communication tools between one another used to express feelings, to shows emotions and to shares ideas. Language becomes one of the main things in human life. Many times we realize or not, people are often showing their emotions in different ways and conditions. As means of communication, language has several functions and meanings. People are utilizing language to expresses anger, sad, fear, happy, desperation, frustration and others. So, language is exclusively human properties.

Language as the mean of communication, when people having conversations is surely need to understand meaning of some languages. When they are sad they will cry, when they are angry they will swear, when they are scare they will scream or when they are happy they will laugh. People uttered many words as what they feel. When having conversations, people are bring polite and impolite words to shows their thoughts. In daily conversations, they communicate with each other by using polite sentences, while in anger condition they will use impolite sentences. Impoliteness, in our scope has many kinds and different styles of words. Example, people who are in anger conditions, probably they will swear, or use inappropriate words.

Taboo words are closely related to impoliteness and taboo words are used in daily life. Taboo words are included as an inappropriate words influences in the environment, we can also find them in daily conversations, songs, social media, and movie. Actually, taboo words are included as rude words and it is forbidden to speak, but people nowadays are using taboo words in expressing their feelings.

Here, the researcher uses a movie as her research subjects. A movie is such as entertain media for people that describe and figures a condition of life. A

movie has sort of kinds like a horror genre, comedy, romantic drama, drama, action, animation and many others.

The researcher chooses an action movie for the subject of a study entitled “*War Dogs*”. *War Dogs* is an action movie directed by Todd Philips and released in 2016, this movie based on true story life between two friends. They are Efraim Deviroli and David Packouz, both of them are lives in Los Angeles, United States of America. This story begins when they are meet each other in their friends’ funeral, Efraim works as an illegal gun seller and David works as massage therapist.

The object analyzed in this research are taboo words used by characters containing in *War Dogs* movie, the following is the example of the conversation between two main characters in *War Dogs* movie:

**David** : “*Holy shit*. Seventy grand?”

**Efraim**: “Whatever. Fuck him. I made a bunch of money.”

This movie is compatible to be data sources because there are many kinds of taboo words uttered by the characters in this movie. The researcher analyzed themes of taboo words, the functions of using taboo words and the intentions of using taboo words. A study of taboo words is interesting in our lives because there are many of rude words spoken in daily lives. And taboo words also has each literal meanings.

The notion of taboo words according to Swan (2005: 25) is a word (e.g. fuck) connected with a subject (such as sex) which is not talked about freely, so that some of its vocabulary is consider to be shocking. Taboo words are not used in formal speech or writing. And taboo words are avoided altogether by many people.

According to Swan (2005: 564) “many languages have words which are considered dangerous, holy, magic or shocking, and which are only used in certain situations or by certain people. For instance, in some African tribes the names of dead chiefs must not be said; in many cultures, words associated with religious beliefs are used only on religious occasions, or only by priests. In many

cultures, a word associated with religious beliefs are used only on religious occasions or only by priests. Words of this kind can be called ‘taboo words’”.

English has three main groups of taboo words and expressions: **Christian religion, sexual activity or the associated parts of the body, and the elimination of bodily wastes.**

The usage of taboo words is appear commonly among people like when people are getting trouble, some of them will say taboo words. In English, common taboo words said by people is *fuck*. And the use of taboo words actually is not recommended, because each of taboo words has bad meanings. In teaching learning English, the notion of taboo words should not be introduced to the students.

With explanation above, the researcher will analyze taboo words under the theory of socio pragmatics. With the title of this research The Use of Taboo Words in *War Dogs* Movie (2016): A Sociopragmatic Study.

## **B. Limitation of the Study**

The study focuses on taboo words uttered by characters in *War Dogs* movie, we can find many kinds of taboo words in this movie. The writer limits the problems by focusing on themes of taboo words, the functions of using taboo words and the intentions of using taboo words uttered by characters in *War Dogs* movie.

## **C. Problem of Statements**

Based on the explanation, the writer intends to formulate problems of taboo words by focusing on the questions below:

1. What are the themes of taboo words uttered by characters in *War Dogs* movie?
2. What are the functions of using taboo words in *War Dogs* movie?
3. What are the intentions of the speakers in using taboo words in *War Dogs* movie?

#### **D. Objectives of the Study**

The aims of this research are:

1. To describes kinds of themes uttered by characters in *War Dogs* movie.
2. To describes the functions of using taboo words in *War Dogs* movie.
3. To describes the intentions of the speakers in using bad expressions in *War Dogs* movie.

#### **E. Benefit of the Study**

The researcher hopes this research will be useful for academics and practical matters, here are the following benefits:

1. For the students

The researcher hopes this study and information of taboo words will help them to more understand the concept of taboo words and intentions of using taboo words.

2. For the readers

The researcher hopes this study will be beneficial in spreading information about taboo words, the using of taboo words and how is the use of taboo words in daily lives.

3. For another researchers and teachers

The researcher hopefully this study can help teachers to find kinds themes of taboo words, the functions of using taboo words and intentions of using taboo words. The researcher suggests another researcher maybe can find taboo words in other sources and give new findings of taboo words.