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Abstrak


Kata kunci: umpatan, tipe umpatan, fungsi umpatan

Abstract

This study aims to identify the types of swear words used by the characters in CHIPS movie and to explain the function of swear words used. The type of the study is qualitative research. This study uses documentation and observation as method of collecting data. The data in this study is the dialogue uttered by the characters while the data source of this study is CHIPS movie and its script. In collecting data, the first step done by the researcher is replaying the film at least five times by using computer, transcribing data from the film into the form of dialogue lists, fixing the dialogue lists with movie script downloaded from internet, reading the dialogue lists carefully to determine whether the dialogues contain swearing or not, the last identifying the listed dialogues which contain swear words. In technique of analyzing data, the researcher uses theory from Magnus Ljung to analyze the type of swear words and theory from Andersson and Trudgill to analyze the function of swearing. First, the result of the study shows that there are 5 types of swear words used by the characters: religious theme, scatological theme, sex organs theme, sexual activity theme, and mother theme. Agent Castillo is the most character who uses swear words in his utterance and sexual activity theme and scatological theme are the most type of swear words used by all characters. Second, this study shows there are 4 function of swearing: expletive swearing, abusive swearing, humorous swearing and auxiliary swearing. The researcher finds that all characters use swear words to express their own feeling or emotion and to emphasize their utterances.

Key words: swear word, type of swear word, function of swear word
1. INTRODUCTION

Language is a human creation being used mainly for communication. Completely, language is a set of symbol created by human to deliver thoughts, ideas, concepts, and also feeling. People make communication through spoken or written language. Sometimes in order to express their feeling of easiness and uneasiness, they use swear words in communication. They use swear words in order to express feeling of anger, frustration, joy, surprise or even to emphasize what they say. Swear word mostly occurs as verbal, because psychologically human can accurately understand the meaning and purpose of using it in communication and also misunderstanding can be avoided.

The study has been done by Hagen, Sverre (2013) states that swear words is durable words. Because they are so flexible, they have an exceptional ability to express a multitude of feelings, for example:

Agent Castillo : *Holy shit! What the *fuck* was that?*

Hector : What are you stopping for (Castillo)? Put your gun on the *fucking* floor.

Hector’s friend : It's not my fault. You're the one driving like a *fucking dick*.

Castillo and three thieves ran away from police, so that he drove the car like a crazy. First, the type of swear word used by Castillo is sexual activity theme because the word “*fuck*” refers to sexual activity. He used that word as empasizer in his utterance. Second, Hector used the word “*fucking*” that refers to sexual activity. So the type of swear word used by Hector is sexual activity theme. Third, Hector’s friend used sex organ theme because the word “*fucking dick*” refers to body parts. The last, the type of swear word used by Castillo is scatological theme because the word “*holy shit*” refers to excretory. He cursed that word because he was surprised for the gun shot inside the car and that word was not addressed to Hector nor his friend. Although they were in the car hearing Castillo cursed, they didn’t think it caused abuse to them.

The function of swearing used by Castillo is expletive swearing. When he used the words “*holy shit*” he tried to express his feeling of shock because accidentally Hector’s friend pulled the trigger and shot the top window of the car and this was not addressed to someone. Second, the function of swearing used by Castillo is auxiliary swearing. When he used the word “*fuck*”, he tried to emphasize what he was trying to say for the result of getting surprised. So it refers to auxiliary swearing. Third, the function of swearing used by Hector is auxiliary swearing. He uses the word “*fucking*” to give strong stress to his utterance because his friend just did something stupid. The last, the function of swearing used by Hector’s
friend is abusive swearing. Although the word “fucking dick” seems to auxiliary swearing, it meant to insult Castillo because he didn’t want to be blamed for his stupidity. Based on the phenomenon, the problem statements are formulated 1) What types of swear words are used in the dialog by the characters in CHIPS movie? 2) What are the function of swear word used by the characters? Objective of the study, 1) To identify the types of swear words used by the characters 2) To explain the function of swear words used by the characters.

2. METHOD

The type of the study in this research is qualitative research. According to Kothari (1990:3) Qualitative research is concerned with qualitative phenomenon, for example, phenomena relating to or involving quality or kind. In this research, the primary source of data is the dialogue in CHIPS movie. The secondary source of data is the script of the movie downloaded from internet.

Method of collecting data used is observation and documentation. The data of the research are collected by doing the following steps. Replaying the film entitled CHIPS at least five times by using a computer, transcribing the data from the film into the form of dialogue list, fixing the dialogue list with CHIPS script in the internet, reading the dialogue list carefully to determine whether the dialogue is swearing or not, and identifying the listed dialogue containing swear words.

The steps taken by researcher in analysing data as follow. First, identifying the types of swear words used by the characters in “CHIPS” movie script. The researcher uses Magnus Ljung theory of five typology of swear words. Second, explaining the function of swearing spoken by the characters in “CHIPS” movie script. The researcher uses Andersson and Trudgill’s theory of function of swearing in Bad Language (1990).

In data validity, there are two data sources, from the document and the experts. The form of the document will be the script of CHIPS movie, while the informants will be the experts of pragmatics and also swear word. In arranging this study, the researcher uses the theory from Magnus Ljung about typology of swearing and theory from Andersson and Trudgill about the function of swearing.

3. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents finding and discussion of type of swearing and function of swearing

3.1 Finding
Table 1. The table of type of swearing used by the characters

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Table 2. Table of function of swearing used by the characters
### 3.2 Discussion of the Finding

Discussion of the finding presents the finding of the research. It covers the type of swear word and the function of swearing.

#### 3.2.1 The type of swear words used by the characters

In this study, the researcher uses the theory from Magnus Ljung (2011) about typology of swear words for analyzing the type of swear words used by the characters. The researcher finds there are religious theme, scatological theme, sexual activity theme, sex organs theme, and mother theme.

From the table of type of swear words used by the characters, the researcher finds that Agent Castillo uses religious theme words for 5 times (12%), scatological theme words for 7 times (17%), sex organ theme words for 3 times (7%), and sexual activity theme words for 8 times (20%). Then Castillo uses only mother in law theme words for 1 time (2%). Then Barker uses religious theme words for 1 time (2%), scatological theme words for 3 times (7%), sexual activity theme words for 2 times.
(5%). Then Hector uses scatological theme words for 1 time (2%), sexual activity theme words for 2 times (5%) and mother theme words for 2 time (5%). Then Hector’s friend uses sex organ theme words for 1 time (2%) and sexual activity theme for 1 time (2%). Then Allen uses scatological theme word for 1 time (2%) and mother theme words for 1 time (2%). The last Peterson uses scatological theme words for 2 times (5%) and mother theme word for 1 times (2%) 

So it can be concluded that Castillo is the most character using taboo words in his utterance, it finds he used taboo words for 22 times. Sexual activity theme words and scatological theme words are the most type of swear words used by Castillo.

3.2.2 The function of swearing

The researcher also uses the theory from Andersson and Trudgill (1990) about the function of swearing for analyzing the function of swearing in every utterance containing swear words. The researcher finds there are expletive swearing, abusive swearing, humorous swearing, and auxiliary swearing.

From the table of function of swearing used by the characters, the researcher finds that Agent Castillo uses expletive swearing for 7 times (17%), abusive swearing for 5 times (12%), humorous swearing for 1 time (2%) and auxiliary swearing for 8 times (20%). Then Barker uses expletive swearing for 2 times (5%), abusive swearing for 1 time (2%), humorous swearing for 1 time (2%) and auxiliary swearing for 1 time (2%). Then Hector uses abusive swearing for 2 time (5%), humorous swearing for 1 time (2%) and auxiliary swearing for 3 times (7%). Hector’s friend only uses abusive swearing for 2 times (5%). Then Allen uses abusive swearing for 2 times (5%) and auxiliary swearing for 1 time (2%). The last Peterson uses abusive swearing for 1 times (2%) and auxiliary swearing for 2 times (5%).

From the finding it can be concluded that Castillo, who is the most character using taboo words, cursed to express his own feeling and emphasize his utterances. The last expletive swearing and auxiliary swearing are the function of swearing which averagely used by all characters. The researcher think that this film gives evidence that swearing is not always harmful but it can be used to express emotion, feeling and also emphasize our utterance. It is best recommended to watch this film with parent guidance.

There is a study which is similiarly analyzing swear word. This study is from Esterika, Triolinda (2016) entitled *The Analysis of Swear Words that Are Used by White and Black Characters in 12 Years a Slave Movie*. The researcher investigates the type of swear words and the speakers’ purposes of using swear words. She uses the theory from
Batistella (2005) about the type of swear words and theory from Rothwell (1973) about the purpose of uttering swear words. She uses movie and its script as the data source of the study. Based on her study, she finds 3 types of swear words namely profanity, ephitet, and obscenity. It also found that white characters are more often in uttering swear words than black characters. Profanity is the most dominant type of swear words used by all the characters. The last she finds that white people use swear word to discredit other people while black people use swear words to attract attention.

This study is different from the previous study. The data source of this study is movie entitled CHIPS. The researcher also uses different theory to analyze the type of swear words and function of swearing. The researcher uses theory from Magnus Ljung and Andersson and Trudgill. The result of this study finds there are five types of swear words namely religious theme, scatological theme, sex organs and body parts theme, sexual activity theme and mother in law theme. scatological theme and sexual activity theme are dominant type which used by all the characters. The researcher also finds there are four function of swearing namely expletive swearing, abusive swearing, humorous swearing, auxiliary swearing where expletive and auxiliary swearing are averagely used by all characters.

4. CONCLUSION

In this research, the researcher finds the type of swearing. There are religious theme, scatological theme, sex organs and body parts theme, sexual activity theme and mother in law theme. It can be concluded that Agent Castillo is the most character who uses swear words and sexual activity theme is the most type of swearing used by all characters.

The researcher also finds the function of swearing used by the characters. There are expletive swearing, abusive swearing, humorous swearing and auxiliary swearing. It can be concluded that expletive swearing is the most used by all characters. Agent Castillo, who is the most character using swear words, can be concluded that he swears for expletive swearing and auxiliary swearing, he uses these two function for the same rate. So the researcher concludes that Agent Castillo is the character who is set to swear for expressing his own emotion and also emphasize his utterance in some scene.
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