

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

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 pragmatically people can accurately understand the meaning and purpose of using it in communication and also misunderstanding can be avoided.

Swear word itself has many names depending on experts as Timothy Jay, Andersson, Montagu, Ljung who have studied and researched it. Sometimes it is called “cursing, dirty words, taboo language, vulgar language, bad language and so on”. Easily when it comes to be inappropriate or harmful to be listened or read, so it is swear word.

Jay (2000:9) states that swear word or cursing is the utterance of emotionally powerful, offensive word (e.g. fuck, shit) or emotionally harmful expression (e.g. kiss my ass, piss off, up yours) that are understood as insults. But cursing does not always become insult, since “cursing serves the emotional needs of speaker and cursing affects listener emotionally. Cursing permits a speaker to express strong emotions and/or produces emotional impact on a listener. The impact can be positive, as in joking and sexual enticement, or it can be negative, as in name calling and sexual harassment” he adds.

Grohol, J (2018) explains swear word can also be used in a more positive manner, in the form of jokes and humor, sex talk, storytelling, self-deprecation or even social commentary. Imagine when you want to emphasize how great you feel something is, a swear words emphasizes the

positive feelings you have for that object, situation, person or event (“This concert is fucking awesome!”). Sure, we could just say “This concert is awesome,” but the addition of the swear word emphasizes the emotional reaction we have toward it and easily conveys that emotional reaction to others.

The study has been done by Hagen, Sverre (2013) states that swear words are 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.

So, towards that phenomenon the researcher is interested in analyzing swear words used in CHIPS movie. The researcher focuses on type of swear word and the function of swearing used by the characters in their dialog. The data source of this analysis is a movie entitled “CHIPS”.

B. Problem Statement

Based on the background of the study above, the problem statements are formulated as follow:

1. What types of swear word are used in the dialog by the characters in CHIPS movie?
2. What are the functions of swearing used by the characters in their utterance?

C. Objective of the Study

Dealing with the problem statements above, the objectives of the study are:

1. To identify the types of swear word used by the characters.
2. To explain the functions of swearing used by the characters.

D. Significance of the Study

This study of swear word hopefully can give some significances to the readers. Firstly, the researcher hopes that the study can give a knowledge about what the function of using swear word whether in movie or another conversation. Secondly, the study aims to give references study of swear word.

E. Limitation of the Study

The researcher limits the analysis of the swear word used in CHIPS movie and its script. The researcher focuses on the function of the swear word used by the characters in their conversation and what types of swear word are used. The researcher uses Magnus Ljung's theory of typology of swear word and Andersson and Trudgill's theory of function of swearing.

F. Research Paper Organization

The research paper organization is arranged systematically. This part given in order to make the reader understand the content of the research paper easily. The research paper organization can be arranged as follow:

Chapter I is introduction that presents background of the study, problem statement, objective of the study, significance of the study, limitation of the study, research paper organization.

Chapter II is underlying theory. It deals with previous study, the definition of pragmatics, definition of swearing, function of swearing and type of swear words.

Chapter III is research method. It consists of type of the research, data and data source, method of collecting data, and technique of analyzing data and data validity.

Chapter IV is research finding and discussion. It consists data analysis, finding, discussion of the finding.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion. It consists conclusion and Suggestion.