

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Language is a sound of communication system, which uses a form of sound that has meaning based on agreement (Widyamartaya, 1989: 28). Linguistics is often called the science of language. According to Akmajian et al. (2001: 5) in linguistics, language can be learned from branches of linguistics and its relationship with other disciplines. Linguistics consists of five branches, namely: phonology, morphology, syntax, pragmatics, and semantics. According to Griffiths (2006: 1), semantics is one of the two main branches of linguistic studies. It is the study of meaning. He defines semantics as the study of word meaning and sentence meaning; it differs from pragmatics which relates language and its contexts.

Figurative language is a characteristics of semantics whose meaning of a language is usually used to beautify the sentence structure it is purposed to get a certain effect to create an imaginative impression for the reader or audience both verbally and in writing. Each writer has a different element to express his writing ideas to his readers, and each article has a writing style that is influenced by the researcher. Figurative language is used to create and make literary works better, look more alive, and more qualified.

The most important characteristic of semantic theory is thought and language as the main role is focused on metaphor (Saeed 1997: 347). Hornby (1995: 433) stated that figurative is a word, phrase, etc used in imaginative or metaphorical way that is different from the basic meaning.

According to Lakoff and Johnson (1980: 5) metaphor consists of three types. They are a structural metaphor, orientational metaphor, and ontological metaphor. The characterization of conceptual metaphor is a set of mappings, in which this set of mappings obtain between basic constituent elements of the domain source and basic constituent elements of the target. To know a conceptual metaphor is to know the set of mappings that provide various

meanings of the metaphorical expression which makes a particular conceptual metaphor become manifested.

In this study the researcher deals with a meaning analysis of metaphor in Adele's songs: Turning Tables, I'll Be Waiting, I Found A Boy, If Not For Love, Hiding My Heart. The researcher chooses Adele's song they are greatly demanded by people from all range of age because her songs are good to listen to and the lyrics of each song have deep meaning. Each song is written by the researcher based on their experience, telling stories about someone or another. Therefore, the researcher conducts a research of metaphor in Adele's song to understand the actual meaning in the lyrics of Adele's song. Each Adele's song has a meaning. The average song has a metaphorical meaning. Based on it, the researcher wants to find out about the types and meanings of figurative language of metaphor language found in Adele album songs and to know deeply the literary works especially in songs, the lyrics of Adele songs. Therefore the researcher is interested in carrying out an analysis of metaphor entitled METAPHOR IN ADELE'S SONG.

B. Problem Statemet

Based on the mentioned explanation on the background of this research the researcher formulates the following problems as follows:

1. What are the types of metaphor in Adele's songs?
2. What are the types of meanings of metaphor in Adele's songs?

C. Objective of the Study

Based on the problems above, the writer formulates the objective of the research in the following :

1. To identify what the types of metaphors are contained in Adele's song lyrics.
2. To analyze the types of meaning of the metaphor in Adele's song lyrics.

D. Benefit of the Study

This research study has some benefits that are divided into theoretical and practical benefits as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

Theoretically, this study contributes in increasing knowledge about metaphors, especially in semantic studies. This study is useful for readers to understand the types and meanings of metaphors in song lyrics. Understanding these things can help readers to be motivated to examine metaphors using different objects.

2. Practical Benefit

a. English Teachers

The researcher expects this study can be useful for teaching learning process of metaphor of figurative language.

b. Future Researcher

The researchers are expected to get some new experience and knowledge about metaphor language found in Adele Songs. The researchers are expected in knowing and understanding the types and the meaning of metaphors in song lyrics of Adele songs.