

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

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

Linguistics concerns with identifying the meaningful elements of specific languages. According Ladd (1964:18) linguistics is the science that describes and patterns of the sound system, the words and morphemes and the phrases and sentences, that is, the structure of a language.

Linguistics has some branches, including semantics. Semantics studies meaning of the words, sentences, and symbols. Semantics constructs a relation between adjoining words and clarifies the sense of a sentence, whether the meanings of words are literal or figurative. According to Hurford and Heasley (1983) Semantics is the study of meaning in language. According Griffiths (2006:15) Semantics is the study of word meaning and sentence meaning, abstracted away from contexts of use. Semantics used to understand the expression of people through language. Semantics usually use in daily language to show the understanding about the issue with connotation.

Semantics discusses several elements of meaning, one of them is figurative language. Figurative language, has several types, including simile, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia, oxymoron, hyperbole, allusion, idiom, imagery, symbolism, alliteration, assonance, consonance, metonymy, synecdoche, irony, sarcasm, litotes, pun, anaphora, tautology, understatement. In this study, researchers focused on the metaphors. According Lakoff and Johnson (2003:4) metaphor is for most people a device of the poetic imagination and the rhetorical flourish a matter of extraordinary rather than ordinary language. A metaphor is a figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea. According Abrams (1999:97) metaphor is a word or expression that in literal usage

denotes one kind of thing is applied to distinctly different kind of thing, without asserting a comparison. Metaphor describes sentences with other words, but with the similar meaning.

This research focuses on metaphor used in Selena Gomez's songs. Some lyrics of the song describe about the reality of the writer of the songs. The lyrics can be about love, self, hurt, and etc. Some songs of Selena Gomez quite famous, title of songs that are Who Says, The heart wants what it wants, Revival, Hands to Myself, Survivors, Me & Rhythm, Rise, Wolves and Kill em with Kindess. That is some songs of Selena Gomez which famous and some of the songs also have deep meaning that can touch the hearts of listeners.

The purpose of research on metaphors is that for now western songs are very popular with people to help improve English learning, in some songs there is definitely metaphor. This is important for the listeners if listeners want to understand the meaning of the song and to get the message from the song.

The researcher takes some previous study that analyzed about metaphor, the object of previous study is song lyrics including song lyrics of One Direction album, Green Day lyrics, lyrics by Johnny Cash, Westlife's song lyrics, Eminem's songs, Coldplay's lyrics, Bob Marley's songs lyrics, Demi Lovato's song, Michael Jackson song lyrics, Queen's song lyrics. The research finding almost about the types that find and expression of metaphor.

The similarity of this study with previous study is the focus of study on semantic analysis based on the figurative language and then focus in metaphors analysis. The difference between the previous study and the research writer is the object of study.

Based on the phenomena, the researcher is interested in analyzing the meaning and the types of metaphor in the form of research entitled: *Metaphor in song lyrics by Selena Gomez: Semantic Analysis*.

## **B. Problem Statement**

Based on the phenomena mentioned in the background of this study, the writer formulates the following problems:

1. What are types of metaphors used in the lyrics of Selena Gomez songs?
2. What are types of the meaning used of metaphors in song lyrics by Selena Gomez?

## **C. Objective of the Study**

Based on the problems above, the writer formulates the objective of the study in the following.

1. To identify the types of metaphors used in lyrics Selena Gomez songs.
2. To find type of the meaning used of metaphors in lyrics Selena Gomez songs.

## **D. Benefit of the Study**

From this research, the writer hopes that this study has the benefits to:

1. Theoretical benefit

- a. English Lecturers

The results of the research hopefully can be useful input for the lecturers to give example research to the students and improve the learning teaching students in subject metaphor or figurative language.

- b. Future researcher

This research hopefully will be useful for the future researcher who interested take research in the study especially in metaphor.

2. Practical benefit

The researcher hopes this research can help society to understand the metaphor.