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## **Abstrak**

Penelitian ini bertujuan (1) untuk mendeskripsikan tipe kata umpatan yang digunakan dalam film “*Suicide Squad*”, (2) untuk mendeskripsikan alasan penggunaan kata umpatan dalam film “*Suicide Squad*”. Penelitian ini adalah penelitian kualitatif. Peneliti menggunakan metode dokumentasi dan observasi untuk mengumpulkan data. Data diambil dari kalimat yang mengandung kata umpatan, sementara sumber data diambil dari film “*Suicide Squad*”. Dalam menganalisis data, peneliti menggunakan teori dari Pinker (2007) untuk menjelaskan tipe kata umpatan dan Andersson & Trudgill (In Karjalainen, 2002) untuk menjelaskan alasan penggunaan kata umpatan. Pertama, hasil dari penelitian ini, peneliti menemukan 20 data tipe kata – kata umpatan yang terdiri dari 6 data Abusive Swearing, 6 data dari Cathartic Swearing, 4 data dari Emphatic Swearing, 2 data dari Idiomatic Swearing, dan 2 data dari Dysphemistic Swearing. Kedua, 20 data dari alasan menggunakan kata-kata umpatan yang terdiri dari 9 data Psychological Motives, 6 data dari Social Motives, dan 5 data dari Linguistics Motives. Peneliti menyimpulkan bahwa Abusive Swearing merupakan tipe yang paling dominan. Hal ini menunjukkan bahwa karakter dalam film menggunakan kata umpatan untuk mengejek, menghina. Psychological Motives merupakan alasan menggunakan kata-kata umpatan yang paling dominan di film “*Suicide Squad*”. Hal itu menunjukkan karakter menggunakan kata umpatan dipengaruhi oleh perasaan.

**Kata kunci : Sociolinguistik, kata-kata umpatan. Film Suicide Squad**

## **Abstract**

This research aims (1) to describe the types of swear word used in "Suicide Squad" movie, (2) to describe the reasons of using swear word in "Suicide Squad" movie. This research is a qualitative research. The researcher use the documentation and observation methods for collecting the data. The data taken from the sentence containing the swear words, while the data source is taken from "Suicide Squad" movie. In analyzing the data, the researcher uses the theory of Pinker (2007) to explain the types of swear word, and Andersson & Trudgill (In Karjalainen, 2002) to explain the reasons for using swear word. First, the results of this research, the researchers found 20 data types of swear word consisting of 6 data of Abusive Swearing, 6 data of Cathartic Swearing, 4 data of Emphatic Swearing, 2 data of Idiomatic Swearing, and 2 data of Dysphemistic Swearing. Second, 20 data from the reasons of using swear word consisting of 9 data of Psychological Motives, 6 data of Social Motives, and 5 data of Linguistics Motives. The researcher concludes that Abusive Swearing is the most dominant types of swear word. it shows that the characters in the movie use swear word to mock or insult. Psychological Motives is the most dominant reasons of using swear word. It shows that the character used swear word is influenced by feelings.

**Keywords : Sociolinguistics, Swear words, Suicide Squad Movie**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Communication is an important component in social life. Language becomes a part of communication that is used to facilitate the exchanging of communication and help to get to

know one another. Holmes (2005) stated that language is a tool to facilitate the exchange of ideas, feelings and information. In the social life, people use languages are considered polite to talk with others, while rude language is rarely used because it is considered as rude as swear words. The use of swear words occurs based on certain circumstances, can occur when bad circumstances and to reflect the feelings that are being experienced such as anger, sadness, frustration, or threatened.

One of thereflection for using swear words in social life is "Suicide Squad" Movie. This movie is one of the works of DC Entertainment which tells the struggle of a group of superhero enemies ignored by people who are struggling to free America from the attack of evil wizards. This movie shows the phenomenon of using swear words that occur in all circumstances or conditions such as to insult, ridicule, intimidate. Swear word used in the right circumstances, because it will be difficult to be accepted by society. Karjalainen (2002) stated that swear words are displayed directly, harshly, sometimes painful, and therefore swear words are concerned with their use.

There are five previous study that related to the swear words, as follows : the first study has been conducted by Baudin & Paramasivam (2014) about swearing among a group Malaysian teenagers. The second study has been conducted by Giyatmi (2017) about swearing used in Richard Wright "Black Boy". The third study has been conducted by Kristiano & Ardi (2018) about swear words in "Bad Boys II": Semantic Analysis. The fourth study has been conducted by Ulan Sari (2018) about Swear Words used in Movie "Fast & Furious 6". The last study has been conducted by Suryanovika & Negara (2019)

The Researchers use the theory from Pinker (2007) to explain the types of swear word used in the "Suicide Squad" Movie, as well as theories from Andersson and Trudgill ( In Karjaleinen, 2002) to explain the reasons for using swear word used by characters in "Suicide Squad" Movie There are five types of swear word, as follows : the first is Abusive Swearing is a swear that is spoken directly to others, in a state of debate, arguing with each other, to hurt feelings. Abusive swearing is used to mock, insult or intimidate someone, such as ***fuck You, Bad Bitch.*** **Second**, Cathartic Swearing to reduce stress by releasing strong emotions, when someone is under pressure or feels pain in a bad condition, such as ***Goddamn, Dick head.*** Third, Idiomatic Swearing is used to get the attention of others, to strengthen dominance or a relationship, such as ***Shit, Fuck.*** Fourth, Emphatically Swearing is used to emphasize a topic or problem that concerns the person, such as ***Fucking.*** The last is Dysphemistic Swearing is used to talk about something that is the opposite of politeness, can be in the form of provocative, such as ***I will knock your ass out.***

Besides that, there are three reasons of using Swear word, as follows: First, Psychological Motives related to someone psychological side, the use of swear words can be influenced by feelings of anger, annoyance, frustration, sadness, surprise or happiness, such as *Goddamn, hell*. Secondly, Social Motives, this reason relates to relationships with others, usually used to ridicule, insult, intimidate, or to show social status, which is represented by *Dick Head, ass*. The last, Linguistic Motives are used to emphasize the topic being discussed, for instance  *fucking*. Based on the background above, the problem statement formulates by the researcher, as follows: (1) what are the types of Swear words used in the Suicide Squad movie? (2) What are the reasons for using Swear Words used in Suicide Squad movie?. The objectives of this research to describe the types of swear word and the reasons of swear word.

## 2. METHOD

This research is a qualitative research. It means that this research related to the phenomenon that is happening can be in the form of documentation, interviews, or observation forms of this study more words than numbers. The objective of this study is to describe the types of swear word and the reasons of using swear word in the "Suicide Squad" Movie. The method for collecting data, the researcher use the documentation and observation methods. The data is taken from swear words spoken by the characters in the Suicide Squad movie, while the source of the data comes from the Suicide Squad movie. In determining data validation using triangulation methods. In analyzing data, the reserachers use coding by identifying the data first with the theory of Pinker (2007) to explain the types of swear word used in "Suicide Squad" Movie and Andersson and Trudgill ( In Karjaleinen, 2002) to explain the reasons for using swear word used "Suicide Squad" Movie.

## 3. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1 Findings

The result of the research shows the frequency of the types and the reasons of using swear word used in "Suicide Squad" Movie, as follows :

#### 3.1.1 Types of Swear Word

Table 1  
Types of Swear Word

No	Type of Swear Words	Example	Σ	Percentage
1	Abusive Swearing (AS)	<b>You son of a bitch</b>	6	30%
2	Cathartic Swearing (CS)	<b>Those assholes here</b>	6	30%

		yet?		
3	Idiomatic Swearing (IS)	<b>Triangle, Bitch, Study</b>	2	10%
4	Emphatic Swearing (ES)	<b>Nobody writing shit down</b>	4	20%
5	Dysphemistic Swearing (DS)	<b>Why don't kiss your ass?</b>	2	10%
<b>Total</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 3.1.2 Reasons of using Swear Word

Table 2  
Reasons of using Swear Word

No	Reasons of using Swear Word	Example	Σ	Percentage
1	Psychological Motives (PM)	What the <b>hell</b> are they?	9	45%
2	Social Motives (SM)	You got <b>bad bitch</b>	6	30%
3	Linguistics Motives (LM)	Making <b>shit</b> disappear witch	5	25%
<b>Total</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based on the finding of data analysis above, it can be concluded that the most dominant type of Swear words used in “Suicide Squad” movie is Abusive Swearing and Cathartic Swearing. In addition, the most dominant reason of using Swear words is Psychological Motives.

## 3.2 Discussion

Based on the finding above, the researcher found 5 types of Swear Word and 3 reasons of using Swear Word used in “Suicide Squad” Movie, as follows :

### 3.2.1 Types of Swear Word

The findings of the types of swear word is shown on the table above. It supported by Pinker (2007) who stated that there are five types of Swear Word, namely; Abusive Swearing,



Cathartic Swearing, Idiomatic Swearing, Emphatic Swearing, Dysphemistic Swearing. It can be seen that there are five types of swear word. The Abusive Swearing (AS) is found 6 data or (30%) which is represented by *Bitch, Son of Bitch, Dumb ass*, this type is usually used to insult, mock someone. The Cathartic Swearing (CS) is found 6 data or (30%) which is represented by *Assholes, Goddamn, Dick head, what the hell*. This type is to curse or express when someone gets pain because of something.. The Emphatic Swearing (ES) is found 4 data or (20%) which represented by *Fucking*. This type is used to emphasize an issue that is being discussed. The Idiomatic Swearing (IS) is found 2 data or (10%) which represented by *Shit, Fuck, Ass*. This type is used to attract someone's attention. The Dysphemistic Swearing (DS) is found 2 data or (10%) which represented by **why you don't kiss her ass, I will knock your ass out**. This type is used to provide negative input.

As Shown on the table above, it can be stated that the most dominant types of Swear Word found in "Suicide Squad" Movie is Abusive Swearing with 30% Or 6 data. Abusive Swearing is used to insult, ridicule, and intimidate someone in a negative sense which is directly shown directly to someone. There are many situations experienced by experienced characters such as anger, happiness, disappointment or frustration. Another type is Cathartic Swearing. The number of Cathartic Swearing is 6 data with 30%. Cathartic Swearing deals with express bad experience felt by someone. Those feelings are expressed directly by the characters and the less dominant of the type of Swear words is Idiomatic Swearing which is used to attract the attention of the interlocutor with 2 data (10) % and the other type is Dysphemistic Swearing with 2 data (10%).

The finding about the type of Swear Words also in line with the reserach conducted by Baudin & Paramasivam (2014) analyzing about Swearing English among a group Malaysian Teenagers,they found that females students usually used word *Fuck, Bitch shit* for swearing. Another research from Giyatmi (2017) analyzing about the phenomena of swear words used in the novel "Black Boy". Kinds of Swear Word founds in the novel are related to religion, name of animals, part of the body, racial terms, stupidity terms, sexual terms, name of occupation, sexual activity, and family terms. Kristiano & Ardi (2018) founds 53 different swear words used in "Bad Boy II" movie based on semantic analysis. Ulan Sari (2018) talked about Swear Words in the movie "Fast & furious 6".She founds that there are seven kinds of swear words used in "fast & Furious 6" related to sex (*Ass, Pussy*), Excrement (*Shit*), Animal's name (*Fox*),Personal background (*Bitch*), Sexual Activity (*Fuck*), and Religion (*Goddamn*). The last research from Suryanovika & Negara (2019) analyzing about

identification of slurs and Swear words in Bronte sister' Novels. They found that the dominant type of swear words represented with the word *devil, damn or hell*.

### 3.2.2 Reasons of using Swear Word

The Finding of the reasons of using swear word is shown on the table above. It supported by Andersson and Trudgill (In Karjalainen, 2002) who said that there are three reasons of using Swear Words as follows; Psychology Motives. Social Motives, Linguistic Motives. The first is Psychological Motive (PM) is found 9 data or (45%) which is presented by *Goddamn, hell*. This reason is often used to express feelings of loneliness, anger or surprise. The Second is Social Motives (SM) is found 6 data or (30%) which is presented by *Dick Head, ass*. This reason is often used to express closeness, intimacy, to express social identity or to insult someone. The Third is Linguistics Motives (LM) is found 5 data or (25%) which is presented by *fucking*. This reason is often used to emphasize a discussion or discussion.

As shown in the table above, it can be stated that the most dominant reasons for swear word used in Suicide Squad Movie is Psychological Motives with 45% of percentage. Psychological Motives related to expressions related to one's emotions including happiness, sadness, surprise, loneliness, or anger. Because the word goddamn, damn is often used to express the feelings of the players. In the table above shows the less dominant reasons of using Swear Word is Linguistics Motives with 25% of Percentages. Linguistics Motives are used to emphasize the things being discussed which topics of conversation between the two persons are doing the conversation.

The finding about the reason of using Swear Words was in line with the reserach conducted by Baudin & Paramasivam (2014) analyzing about Swearing English among a group Malaysian Teenagers,they found that females students usually used word *Fuck, Bitch shit* for swearing. Another research from Giyatmi (2017) analyzing about the phenomena of swear words used in the novel "Black Boy". Kinds of Swear Word founds in the novel are related to religion, name of animals, part of the body, racial terms, stupidity terms, sexual terms, name of occupation, sexual activity, and family terms. Kristiano & Ardi (2018) founds 53 different swear words used in "Bad Boy II" movie based on semantic analysis. Ulan Sari (2018) analyzing about Swear Words in the movie "Fast & furious 6".She founds that there are seven kinds of swear words used in "fast & Furious 6" related to sex (*Ass, Pussy*), Excrement (*Shit*), Animal's name (*Fox*),Personal background (*Bitch*), Sexual Activity (*Fuck*), and Religion (*Goddamn*). The last research from Suryanovika & Negara

(2019) discussed about identification of slurs and Swear words in Bronte sister' Novels. They found that the dominant type of swear words represented with the word *devil, damn or hell*.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The conclusion is divided into types of Swear word and the reasons of using Swear word, as follows :

##### 4.1 Types of Swear Word

The types of swear word is divided into 5 types with 20 data, it consists of 6 data (30%) of Abusive Swearing, 6 data (30%) types of Cathartic Swearing, , 4 data (20%) of Emphatically Swearing, 2 (10%) types of Idiomatic Swearing, 2 data (10%) of Dyphemistic Swearing. It shows that the most dominant types of swear word is Abusive Swearing with 6 data such as anger, annoyance, happy or sad, and other types of swear words, namely cathartic swearing . The less dominant type of Swear words is Idiomatic Swearing with 2 data..

##### 4.2 Reasons of using Swear Word

The reasons of using Swear word is classified into 3 reasons with 20 data, it consists of 9 data (45%), Social Motives is consists of 6 data (30%), and Linguistic Motives with data 5 (25%). It means that the most dominant reasons of using Swear word is Psychological Motives, this reason related to the human's feeling such as fear, affraid, sadness and the less dominat is Linguistic Motives, to emphasize the topic of the conversation.

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