

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter describes background of study, the research questions, the research objectives, the problem limitation, the research significance, and the definition of key terms. All sections which have been mentioned above will be discussed as follows.

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

In life, human being needs a medium to interact with other people. That necessary tool that we need called language. Language has an important role to all societies who used it, because language is a way to interact one to another person especially in a communication so that they can understand each other. Through language, the speakers can identify themselves as well as they view their language as a symbol of their identity.

“Language itself is a system of arbitrary vocal symbol used by a social group for cooperation, communication and identification” as said by Djoko Kentjono. Therefore, language has an important role for human life. With communication language people can make a relationship with other people and it is important to maintain that relation.

Language has a characteristic flexible and dynamic which will create new possibility in communication, so it is impossible that

language just can stop in one word and one meaning because language can change as fast as the grown of human life itself.

There are many kinds of languages in the world. But as we know that English represents the first International language that used when people want to go abroad. English also becomes language of standardization for many countries to become their national language. It has been divided into two parts, Standard English and Non-Standard English. Standard English is variety of English that is usually used in printing and speaking which is normally taught in school. On the other hand, Non-Standard English is properly used in particular situation and cannot be used in formal situation. There are many kinds of Non-Standard Languages, one mark of Non-Standard English that is used on informal style is Slang. Slang is expressions that do not belong to Standard English (Mencken,1984). It is considered as Non-Standard because it does not follow the regular syntax, grammar, phonetic, pragmatic of a Standard English.

Slang becomes the part of language variation because of the need to adapt to different aspects of society and factor of social prestige. Slang is popular language in our daily life, some people are quite active in using slang. People usually use slang in daily conversation such as indirect conversation, chatting, or in social media. For example, people use words “*dude*” to call their friends. We can find this kind of Non-Standard words in everywhere.

The use of Slang can also be found in lyrics of songs and movies. Especially, movie and song that bring out the social and cultural side of someone's identity. To analyze the slang, the writer choose the film "*Sherlock Holmes: Abominable Bride*" as source of research material. The movie "Sherlock Holmes: Abominable Bride" tells the story of 2 detectives, that detective Sherlock Holmes (Benedict Cumberbatch) and Dr. John Watson (Martin Freeman) who investigate the death of Thomas Ricoletti's wife. The ghost of Mrs. Ricoletti roaming the streets with an inexplicable thirst for revenge. Sherlock Holmes, Dr. John Watson, and their friends must use all their cunning to fight a seemingly out-of-grave enemy and the final, shocking truth about the Abominable Bride.

As stated above that slang is language variation that is used in real life, lyric of song and movie. Movie is representation of real life. That is why, the characters of the movie also used slang in their dialogue. Hence the study is directed to analyze slang used in the *Sherlock Holmes: Abominable Bride* movie.

## **B. Research Question**

Based on the background of the research above, there are some problems that can be formulated, as follows;

1. What types of Slang are used in *Sherlock Holmes: Abominable Bride* movie?

2. What are the functions of those Slang used in *Sherlock Holmes: Abominable Bride*?

**C. The objective of the Research**

1. To find out the type of slang used in *Sherlock Holmes: Abominable Bride* movie.
2. To know the function of slang used in *Sherlock Holmes: Abominable Bride*.

**D. Research Significance**

This research is conducted for both academic and practical significances of study. The academic significance is to give understanding about slang language for students and teachers. The practical significance is to be useful as a reference for further researchers who conduct the research about linguistics matters. This study are expected to be useful for:

1. Teachers:

The teachers are expected to help the students for understanding more about the meaning and function of slang language. In addition, the researcher expects that this study can help teachers as a reference for them who teach linguistics, so that they can have other examples as they explain slang language.

2. Students:

This study is expected to make the students understand what slang language is. Therefore, the students are expected to be able to use English wisely in daily communication with native speakers.

3. Future Researchers:

This research is expected to be reference for another researcher that wants to research the same topic and the same object.

#### **E. Scope and Limitation of the Research**

This research of study attempts to identify the slang language used in *Sherlock Holmes: Abominable Bride* movie. This study focuses on type and functions of slang in the utterances used by the characters in the movie and its meaning from the transcript of *Sherlock Holmes: Abominable Bride* movie selected by researcher.

#### **F. Definition of Key Terms**

To avoid misinterpretation, the researcher gives the definitions of the key terms that are used in the research area:

1. Slang

The slang in the present study means an informal words used by male or female teenagers in their daily conversation. There are some meanings of the term slang by experts:

- a. Swan (1995), slang is a very informal kind of

vocabulary, used mostly in speech by people who know each other well (p.534)

- b. Spolsky (1998) defines slang as a special kinds of intimate or in group speech and associated with peer group and gang speech to obtain some degree of privacy and to show the solidarity among the members (p.35)

## 2. Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes is a fictional private detective created by British writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Referring to himself as the “consultant detective” in the story,

Sherlock Holmes is known for his proficiency in observation, deduction, forensic science, and bordering fanciful logical reasoning, which uses when investigating cases for a variety of clients.

## 3. Movie

A movie also called a film is a visual communication to entertain people to describe a condition of life. It can make people cry, laugh, tired, excited, scared and more since it has kinds genre like comedy, horror, drama, and many others. Movie is indirect form of entertainment that influences both good and bad in life.