

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the researcher presented about background of the research, research questions, objectives of the research, significance of the research, scope and limitation of the research and definition of key terms. The clear descriptions were written below:

A. Background of the Research

In life, humans need medium to interact with others called language. Language is closely related to the culture and social system to communication to another. From the sociolinguistics point of view, language is systematic and one of the many systems of signs that humans used to communicate with one another (Deckert & Vickers, 2011: 2). Language also has a different meaning depend on how people use it. Using language can be classified by several meanings such as situational, social and cultural (Bonvillain, 2020: 1). Besides, there are other variations of standard language and non-standard language (Herk, 2012: 44). Standard language is formal language such as taught at school, used in formal writing etc, whereas non-standard language or often described as ‘dialects’ usually used in environment that are not related with formality such as in the movie or song lyrics. One of variation in non-standard language is slang.

Slang is word or phrase with new meanings used by a group of particular people, especially teenagers to interact internally so other people do not understand. Slang usually related with young speakers (Herk, 2012).

Moreover, slang also associated with specific and secret communication. Slang is secret language used by several communities which owned by other groups (Sari, 2010). So, slang is one of variety of languages that can be used in certain situations but it does not used in formal situation. Sometimes, slang cannot be interpreted as it is because the meaning is different from the definition in a standard dictionary. For example, the word 'lie' means 'not telling the truth', but now it is the latest innovation of slang that means 'didle'.

In American culture, slang is something that cannot be separated (Jakob, 2018). Furthermore, American slang is very popular in the world. American slang as a part of Americanization will become even more international as the development of America and American English (Fan & Zhou, 2013). It is more effectively used in daily conversation, so there is a similarity sense between speakers. Slang words and expressions are signed with a high level of informality, intimate and vocabulary variety (Yuningtias, 2014). There are several factors influence such as individual and social. In individual factors there are conditions affecting such as gender, occupation and age. Besides, Social setting factor that affects such as drug setting, homosexuality and rock (Fan & Zhou, 2013).

Nowadays, Slang to be something interesting and familiar among teenagers. Slang is really popular and appears anytime in all languages (Dewi, et. al., 2018). Some of the reasons of slang usage are to look different, to enrich language, to engage in playfulness, to certain identify and to be secret (Jakob, 2018). Besides, when teenagers using slang

their parents will be difficult to understand what they mean. Slang is notorious confusing because much slang is only used to communicate with peers (McCrindle & Wolfinger, 2011). For example, when teenagers use slang to communicate with their best friend or girlfriend, so their parents or elders will not understand of their conversation. In addition, many parents do not understand about some slang from acronym such *IDK* (I Don't Know), *GTSY* (Glad to See You) and *IMO* (In My Opinion).

There were some previous research which had done related to the topic if the research. The first research was conducted by Aramiko, et. al. (2019), the purpose of this research is to identify the functions, types and formation from slang word or phrases in the Fury film. And the result show that use slang has a functions emotion, rebellion, humour, toughness, creative, vibrant, informality, stylization, conciseness and forcefulness. There are types of slang such as hip-hop slang, slang in university of Leicester, inner city slang of New York, general slang, and specific slang. And also, there are some words or slang phrases such as suffixation, final combining, reversed room, compounding, clipping, and word manufacture. Second research came from Hanggoro (2011), this research discusses the meanings, kinds and the reasons of using slang in American Gangster movie and uses Eric Partridge theories also focuses on the slang terms that is society slang. The third researcher was Jakob (2018), the purpose of this research is to classify slang words in the movie The Blind Side based on the characteristic on Andersson and Trudgill theory. The fourth came from Aulia & Djatmika (2018), this research analyzed by applying

Sociolinguistics approach and the result show that there are ten functions of slang. Also, there are two forms of slang used by the characters, words and phrases. Besides, three types of slang used in Baby Driver movie including society, criminal and police slang. Here, the researcher analyze types of slang by using three theories namely Sullivan: 1921, Coleman: 2012 and Partridge: 1933.

In this study, the movie The Hangover Part III chosen by researcher because the casts in this movie used a lot of American slang which quite popular in Indonesia. Besides, American slang in this movie can helps people know more about American language culture in society. The researcher tried to analyze slang by using another theory which also discussing about slang according to Allan & Burrige (2006). Besides, the researcher also looking for the literal and contextual meaning based on the types of American slang that have been found. This research conducted because not everyone who watched the movie can understand the meaning of slang, especially people whose mother tongues is not English. Readers also can increase their vocabulary of American slang. Therefore, according to the reasons, the researcher wanted to conduct a research untitled **“American Slang used in the movie The Hangover Part III”**

B. Research Questions

Based on the background of the research above, formulate of the research was:

1. What are the types of American slang used in the movie The Hangover Part III?

2. What are meanings of American slang used in the movie The Hangover Part III?

C. Objectives of the Research

1. To classify the types of American slang used in the movie The Hangover Part III.
2. To find out the meaning of American slang used in the movie The Hangover Part III?

D. Significance of the Research

The result of this study is expected to give two kinds of benefits. First, this study is contributes to enrich the study about slang for linguistics development in the field of sociolinguistics. Furthermore, hopefully this research has benefits for language learning, especially for English Education Department students in increase their knowledge about American slang. So that when American slang used in informal situation, there will not cause misunderstanding in communication. Second, the researcher hopes that this study can be used as reference for other researchers who are interested in conducting a research with the same topic and different object.

E. Scope and Limitation of the Research

The scope of this research is The Hangover Part III movie. This study will analyze the types of slang used by casts and will looking for the literal and contextual meaning and the function of American slang used in the movie The Hangover Part III.

F. Definitions of Key Terms

In this part, there were some explanations from the title mentioned in the previous items. The title was “American Slang used in the movie The Hangover Part III”. The definitions of key terms were as follows:

1. American slang is one of the language varieties in American English. It is the product of American culture and society.
2. Types of slang are a classification of several kinds of slang used in communication.
3. The Hangover Part III movie is American comedy film produced by Legendary Pictures and distributed by Warner Bros Pictures. It is the third and final movie in The Hangover trilogy.