

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the researcher presents six topics related with this study, includes background of the research, statement of research problems, objectives of the research, significance of the research, scope and limitation of the research, and definitions of key terms.

A. Background of The Study

Literature offers the readers kinds of imaginative stories or any factual information. Therefore, literature divided into two; imaginative and informative literature. Among imaginative literatures, song lyric is one of them. In a literary work such as: novel, poem, and song need a beautiful language in order to make interesting points to read. One way to make novel and song become interesting is by using figurative language. Figurative language is language which uses all types in creative writing. The figurative languages are such making comparison between two things that would not have been thought before. Literature represents a language of people, culture and tradition. According to Rene Wellek and Austin Warren (2000) : “Furthermore, literature represents “life” and “life” is in large measure of social reality, even though the natural world and the inner or subjective world of the individual have also been objects of literary imitation.”

Pateda (1987:18) argues that the use of internal language is influenced by several factors. The factors that influence the use of language depend on what is to be conveyed, the mood of the speaker, the environmental situation, the state of the listener, the level of social listeners, the age of the listener, and the message conveyed. There are many ways people do in delivering their idea to other people so that people can understand and catch the meaning of idea up. One of the ways that can be used is by song. Many people figure out their ideas and feeling into a song. There are many messages delivered in a song. Through song, people can convey his voice to to many people, so that people can know his feeling and idea. According to Hariyanto (2007) “Currently, many songs can express our feelings, such as song with theme of love, social, political and others. In this time, people can speak to others through song. It means that the song can be used as the way to delivering idea and feeling so that the people can understand what the composer means”.

Song has a function to express the thoughts and feeling. Song has two elements, such as lyric and music. Rebecca Coyle (2013) “Songs have been an amusing companion for human beings for as long as or even longer than we can speak. As an integral part of our language experience, it can be of great value to foreign language teaching. When the process of listening to the song is in good focus, the listeners will be able to catch the meaning easily. On the other hand, when the listeners are not in good focus, they will get difficulty in understanding the meaning of the lyrics. When the lyric used figurative language, therefore, one of the way to know the true meaning that

contained in figurative language is using content analysis. Music has performed an important stages of person's life with specific types or pieces of music. According to Lenn Milbower (2020) "There are birthday songs, holiday songs, retirement songs, and even death songs. Music's influence is so prevalent that, to this day, most of us remember songs that played it our most important moments." Music's intimacy is so powerful that it seduces us. There are as many styles of music as there are peoples in the world.

The listeners who love the song can be involved within the message of the story that happened in the song. The listeners love songs because they can pick the message of the song lyric and figurative language meaning deeply. Adult speakers and signers of all languages commonly use the above array of figurative language forms including metaphor, metonymy, rhetorical question, verbal irony, idioms, hyperbole and others, including blends of these (Gibbs, 2000; Gibbs and Colston, 2012) . According to Lakoff and Johnson (1998) explained that: "figurative is also used to denote conceptual entities that contribute to shaping our understanding of the world" Based on the explanation above, the writer is interested to analyze figurative language in song because every song has a message. In uses of figurative language, the speaker-intended meaning typically goes far beyond that which is semantically encoded by the words and sentences used. Wilson and Sperber (2012) "In order to arrive at the speaker-intended meaning of figurative uses, the hearer must rely on a combination of contextual cues, world knowledge and expectations of relevance raised by the utterance situation" which makes

their processing and comprehension seem like rather complex processes.

Adele Born in England, 5th may 1988 is an English singer and songwriter who rose to fame owing to her distinctive voice and has become one of the best- selling artists of our times. Adele released her first album *19* in 2008 which debuted at number 1 on the British album chart, and she received many praise for her unique and soulful voice. Later, her second album *21* was released which comprised several hit singles and sold over 3.4 million copies in the Uk and became the biggest-selling album of the 21st century.

All the songs are sung by Adele has a very deep meaning. Adele was also famous with his song which contain the beauty of the word and using his sensivity to express his imagination feellings. The most famous song is "Easy On Me "consist of beautiful diction, sense and figurative language. Therefore the writer becomes interested in analyzing the figurative language in Adele's song. There are some reasons why the researcher choose figurative language for analysis the semantic meaning in song lyric. First, because this song consist of figures of speech. So, it makes the song interesting to be sung and accepted in society. Second, Adele's song became popular around the world society. As a singer she must know the meaning of any lyrics sung. So that when she would bring the listener to sing the song he sings. Expression and appreciation is an important element when someone sings a song. A music lover should understand the concepts in figurative language. Researchers will analyze 4 songs from Adele, namely "Love in

The Dark", "When We Are Young", " Make You Fell My Love" and "Set Fire To The Rain". Because these 4 songs have a very deep meaning and have been heard by millions of people, it proves that many people are interested in this song .The author himself had to really master the theory in figurative language.

There are many previous researchers related to figurative language. The first Sharndama & Suleiman (2013). The researchers finding about identify the common figurative languages used in the performance of the Kilba funeral songs, to discuss the effects of the identified figurative languages used in the performance of the Kilba funeral songs on the audience, to draw a conclusion as to how figurative languages varies from the ordinary or every day languages. The second research by 'Ain (2013) . She found about some figurative language from the five songs Maher Zain analyzed and because the song was a religious song, she would also greatly raise the name of God. Besides, the research done by Ayuningsih (2015) ,she found that figurative language does not always make words beautifully but also make it more clearly and it also to strengthen the message and make the meaning clearer. The other previous research done by Norazizah (2017), she found some dominant meaning of figurative language, dominant theme, and the dominant message from the fifteen poems that had been analyzed. Research by Listiani (2015) the researched analyzed Taylor Swifts album about the types of figurative language and the frequency of each type of figurative language.

From the three previous study by 'Ain (2013) by Ayuningsih (2015) by Norazizah (2017) and Listiani (2015) above, the writer found some similarities and differences with the research that the writer conducted. The difference between this study and the four previous studies is the type of literary work. 'Ain's thesis uses literary works of song lyrics from Maher Zain, while Ayuningsih's thesis takes from fairy tales, and the last one is Norazizah's thesis who chooses to use poems. Whereas in this study, the researcher used Adele's song lyrics as the research object. Previous research by 'Ain (2013) only examines the types of the songs, but in this study, researchers will also provide an explanation of the meaning of figurative words after describing the types. Meanwhile, the similarity of this study with the three previous studies and this study is to analyze figurative language in literary works. In this study, the things that were searched by the researcher and had not been obtained from the three previous studies were the types of figurative language in selected lyrics of Adele's songs and the messages to be delivered by songwriter through selected of Adele's song after understanding the meaning of every figurative language.

The researcher found some gap in this research .First the different object , after reviewing the three previous studies, this research differs in its object of research which this research uses songs and previous research examines the figurative meaning of literary poetry, although there are also songs that use the object of Adele's song but no one has examined the figurative meaning even though this is the current song being loved. Then ,

the previous researcher only examined the types of figurative language, but in this study researchers will also provide an explanation of the meaning of figurative words that use in Adele's song lyric after describing the types and also provides an explanation of the message the song owner wants to convey in the song being research. To follow up the Listiani (2015) study, this study will analyze the figurative meaning of Adele's song and analyze its implied meaning, Another thing that distinguishes it is the figurative research on Adele's song plus objects that are commonly used by people to express their feelings, in terms of song lyrics that contain objects that can express objects that people usually express in feelings of pleasure and also objects. which can represent feelings of sadness in people, the researcher will conduct research and carry out the study entitle "An Analysis of Figurative Language in Adele's Song Liric"

B. Statement of Research Problems

Related on the background of the research as described above, the researcher formulates and get the research problems in this research as follows :

1. What are the kinds of figurative language found in Adele's song lyric?
2. What meaning are found in the selected songs of Adele's song lyric?

C. Objectives of the Research

Based on the statement of research problems above, the objectives of the research are:

1. To find out the kind of figurative language found in Adele's song lyrics.
2. To understand the conceptual meaning of the figurative language used in the selected songs of Adele's.

D. Significance of the Research

Through the results of this study, the researcher hopes that this research can be The expected benefits of this research are to contribute in the world of academics and research, in linguistics, especially in the English Education Study Program. Besides that, it also works to expand knowledge about the use of figurative language in the field of stylistics so that it can be understood by English learners in particular and among lovers of this western song.

E. Scope and Limitation of the Research

In order to avoid the misunderstanding upon what the researcher explained, here the researcher limits the scope of the study in order to make it more detail and focus. The scope of this study is to find out the figurative language in the selected songs lyrics of Adele's.

The study that is conducted in this research is limited to the selected songs lyrics of Adele's, they are : (1) "When We Are Young", (2) "Love in The Dark", (3) "Make You Feel My Love" and (4) "Set Fire to The Rain"

F. Definition of Key Terms

The title of this thesis is "An Analysis of Figurative Language in Adele's Song Lyrics". Concerning with this title, to avoid misunderstanding the researcher would like to give some definitions:

1. Figurative language: language deviation from everyday language to obtain certain effects (Abrams, 1981:63). What is meant in the sentence above is language that contains messages or implied meanings that are not directly explained by the author or author.
2. Song : song has the meaning of a variety of rhythmic sounds (Moeliono (Peny.), 2003: 624). The song (singing) is the result of a relationship between the art of sound and the art of language, as a work of art that involves the melody and the color of the singer's voice.
3. Lyric : Lyric is expressing a person's personal feelings and thoughts, connected with written for singing (Hornby, 2000).