# CHAPTER I

# INTRODUCTION

In this chapter the researcher explains some things related to this research. They are background of the study, formulation of research question, research objectives, significance of the research, scope and limitation of the research, and definition of key terms.

## A. Background of the study

Slang involves the use of words or phrases that are considered informal language, but can also be used in formal situations to reduce the air of formality. depending on the pronunciation and situation in which the slang word is used. can be used between people who belong to the same social group and know each other well. According to Putri (2020) slang describes words or phrases among young speakers and other special interest groups rather than more common words. The use of slang is becoming more a common language and norm nowadays. When using slang people can express their thoughts more easily because the slang user is confident. Language learning allows people to freely create new words and can prevent misunderstandings between language learners. Slang is a casual type of language that is playful and trendy or used by a particular group of people or particular to a time period.

The use of slang words usually can be found in American culture products in book, music, and especially the American movies. In making

movies, the producer usually includes the social situation of the wider public and the current development of people's lives in the film. Hafiza (2020) claims that most people, both young and old, will definitely watch the movie. Everyone has their preferences everyone has the right to choose the type of film, such as tragedy, love, comedy, horror, action, etc. The movie has its own unity and characteristics. Movies can influence someone to imitate the style and spoke in which actors and actresses speak in movies, Also, the characters use slang to keep it from seeming monotonous and boring. several dialogues occur in films that contain slang words, namely the film "The Boss Baby" is one of them:

> Boss Baby: "Teddy, roll the clip."
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> Francis: "And we are on schedule…to release to the most adorable puppy ever we're gonna launch it, at the pet conversion in Las Vegas!"

This dialogue happened in living room – afternoon, when Boss Baby and friends are holding a meeting discussing baby corp which is experiencing a crisis due to Francis (Ceo Puppy Co.) make an announcement.

In a movie characters play an important role in the movie and contribute significance to the entire narrative emotional involvement, acting, dialog and even the impactful plot of a movie. Characters are essential to introduce conflict and tension in a good story. This research

focuses on finding slang words spoken by characters in the movie. The move that will be used for this research is "Free Guy".

There are several reasons why researcher chose the movie "Free Guy": first, the story and plot of this movie are very interesting because we can find out the slang words spoken by the characters in the movie among real life conversations or in online gaming communities. Second, this movie has a good storyline and comedy genre, of course the visuals depicted are very interesting which is very good, also the unpredictable plot is suitable for young people who often play online games. So that it gets a lot of attention, especially online game lovers and gets a rating of 7.1/10 by fourth and ten thousandpeople. Especially on Rotten Tomatoes, this movie got "Fresh Certified" with a Tomatometer score of 83% and 95% Audience Score. Also won the People's Choice Awards 2021 for the comedy genre movie.

The selected movie has two slang functions, slang in real life and slang found in online games in movies. The use of slang in this community functions as an identity that can bind individuals in that community. as revealed by Suryanto (2016) that within the scope of the gamer community (if there is a possibility for it to emerge), to be able to facilitate communication with members of the gaming community, both in everyday life and in cyberspace (games). In online games, developers facilitate online chat or voice that can be used for communication between opponents/other players making it easier for gamers. In this movie, online games played by

many people are entertaining, so many people play and then communicate in online games. games are played to win or to achieve goals. It is an entertaining game, with the end result satisfying most players only when challenges are met, and difficulties are overcome. Examples of movie dialogue that contains slang when online video games are:

Molotovgirl     : You mean the portal gun?

Guy             : Portal guns? That sounds expensive.

Molotovgirl     : Wow, you are a special kind of noob.

The dialogue tells about a guy who is an NPC following Molotovgirl who is a player and almost fails the mission. Guy doesn't know what the portal gun is, then Molotovgirl says guy is one of a kind "noob". According to the Cambridge Dictionary noob is newbie or someone who has just started doing something, especially playing a computer game or using a type of software, and so does not know much about it. Therefore, the researcher chose this to find and know the formation of slang words in movie about online game also sociolinguistic aspects, especially the slang functions used in movies.

The first previous research was an article entitled American Slang Found In Despicable Me 3 Movie" by Cici Mailisa, Yola Merina, and siska (2021). This research uses descriptive qualitative to collect data. It aims to find the types of slang and find the function of slang. From this movie, data was collected and adapted from the theory focusing on the types and

functions of slang words by Allan and Buridge (2006). The difference in this line is that the data is only mentioned without any description of each type and function and only provides an addition to the reader. As a result, three types of slang were found, namely Fresh and Creative, Flippant, and Imitative. Other types such as clipping and acronym were not found. Then they observed 5 functions that can also be found in this movie, namely to address, to humiliate, to express impression, to initiate and to show intimacy. Another research is Dewi (2018) with an analysis of an American slang film script about a wolf on a street wall. The objectives of this study are to find out the types and the meaning of slang used by the character based on the situation and context. From the analysis using theory type of slang by Chapman and theory type of meaning by Leech, it can be concluded that there are two types of slang found in the movie. They are primary and secondary types of slang. The difference in this study is that they are looking for the meaning of each slang spoken instead of the function, and the data presentation is incomplete. She also finds three types of meaning from seven type. They are reflected meaning, affective meaning and conceptual meaning. She added that the meaning of each slangs is depend on the context in which slang are used. Other research Abidin (2021) this study analyzes the types of slang words in the film "the Boss Baby Movie". This study uses slang word analysis from Eric Partridge's theory. The writer found three types of slang words in the film, namely public house slang, medical house slang, and society slang. Meanwhile, the reasons why the movie characters

use slang words are to show or induce either friendliness, to be brief, to ease social intercourse, to sheer high spirit, to reject and to lessen the awkwardness.

In terms of previous researchers who analyze slang words in various movies Milia, (2021), Dewi (2018), Abidin (2021) who analyzed slang with the type slang and analyzed the function of slang. The researcher chose these focused studies because people often get a lot new words or slang without them knowing how it happened. Therefore, the researchers tried find out the types of slang words from the films chosen by the researcher. In addition, the choice of slang gives clues about a person's personality or is used for intimacy between people. Besides that, they are easy readers find the slang spoken by the characters to add to their new vocabulary. It can find out the type and the function of slang, how the slang is specifically also the meaning of each slang according to the context in the movie.

With this study, can increase vocabulary especially slang from action in the characters and dialogues in the movie especially in daily life and in video online game. It can be assumed that by doing this research, readers will not only get entertainment but also information understand the story and plot of the film itself. With this background and previous study with contribution, the researcher chose the title is:

**"The Use Of Slang Words In Online Games Community In The Free Guy Movie"**

B. **Statement of Research Problem**

The writer formulated main problems to be answered as stated in following research questions:

1. What are the different types of slang words used by the characters in Free Guy?

2. What are the functions of slang words used by the characters in the movie free guy?

## C. Research Objectives

In this research, the researchers found some objectives why the researcher does this research bellow:

1. To find out the types of slang words used by characters in the movie Free Guy.

2. To find out the function of the slang used by the characters in the movie Free Guy.

## D. Significance of the research

The result of this study hopefully give great benefit to following:

1. Theoretically  : This research is able to increase readers' knowledge about slang, especially the types and the functions of slang in characters in the movie Free Guy.

2. Practically     : in this research, readers can adjust their knowledge in understanding slang found in informal conversations, both in everyday life and when interacting in online games. Besides that,

this research can be a reference for anyone who has an interest in analyzing slang.

## E. Scope and Limitation of Research

The scope describes the area covered by the research. The scope of this research is to analyze slang words in the film Free Guy. This research analyzes in depth the slang words based on the film Free Guy, based on Allan and Burridge's (2006) theory of slang words and functions. These theories contain five types of slang words consisting of fresh and creative ,flippant, imitative, clipping, and acronyms, while there are seven theories of the function of slang to addres, to humiliate, to initiate relax conversations, to express impressions, to reveal anger, to show intimacy.

Limitations can be weaknesses in the research or circumstances not considered in the research. This research boldly states that the limitation of this research is that researchers cannot interview film producers directly, so the analysis may be very different regarding dialogue containing slang and the function of slang words found in the film Free Guy.

## F. Definition of Key Terms

In this part, there are some terms needs to be defined easier. The definitions of key terms are as follows:

1. The term slang in this context of research is consist of words and phrases of informal language, which are generally used in certain

social groups, regions and context. Used more often in spoken conversations and game online communications.

2. The term types slang in this context of research is the process by which new words are created, either by changing already existing words or by completing new words. These new words become a part of language.

3. The term "function of slang" in this context of research is the function of slang is used for the means of being spoken in conversation.

4. The term "movie" in this context if research is movie is a representation of a story from a work of art in audio-visual form which is recorded using a camera as a series of moving images.

5. The term "online games: in this context of research are played on a network, just like the internet and can be played by many people.

6. The term "free guy movie" from 2021, an American film with the genre of comedy, action and science faction which tells of a game character who can do it alone without any human help. characters who use slang in this movie include Guy (Ryan Renolds), Buddy (Lil Rey Huwery), Molotov Girl/Millie (Jodie Comer), Antwan (Taika Waititi), Mouser (Utkarsh Ambudkar), Keys (Joe Keevy), Revenjamin (Matty Cordarople), (Robbert Dywane Johnson) And Female Gamer (Charlotte Levy).