CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

Language is one of the ways to convey human's information, feeling, idea or opinion. Through language, people learn from one another the things they want to know and share. According to Sapir, language is purely human and non instinctive method of communicating ideas, emotions, and desires by means of a system of voluntarily produced symbol (1921: 8). It means that language is expression of ideas, emotions, and desires of human being. Therefore, language is an important means of communication.

A scientific study of language is called linguistics. There are several main branches of linguistics such as phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. Then, the other branches by non linguistics factors studied as psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, biolinguistics, etc. Every branch has its own goal and characteristics. Due to the chosen title, sociolinguistics is the appropriate branch that can be used in analyzing the data of this research.

Sociolinguistics is a part of linguistic study. It focuses on society. So that sociolinguistics can be defined as the study of language in relation to society. Sociolinguistics also concerns with language varieties. Varieties of language are system of linguistics expression. The varieties of language use can be in the form of style, slang, colloquial, jargon, argot and register. Moreover, Slang is a variety of language which shows the informality of language. The concept of slang is to

introduce new vocabulary by communicating old words to enrich vocabulary. Pei and Gaynor (1954: 199) state that a style of language is produced by popular adaptation and extension of the meaning of existing words and disregard linguistic principle of the formation of words; generally peculiar to certain classes and social group. It can be defined that slang is a new word which does not care about the rule of grammar, it is used by certain group.

Meanwhile, argot is a such kind of varieties which is associated with criminal. It is used by certain group with certain purpose. For instance, in the community of drug addict, the term *Monkey* is used to refer to condition when drug addicts need a drug to make them not sick. They call the condition as *Monkey*. The outsiders do not know the term because it is used by members of drug addicts themselves.

Futhermore, argot is used by certain group to make communication easier and they are regardless to society. McShane and Williams define argot is a more distinctive version of slang, in which purpose of the specialized language is to conceal the meaning of the communication from others (2004: 64). It is clear that argot is a secret language because it is used by certain group to protect them from the society. Therefore, argot excludes unnecessary attention from the outsiders.

Based on the definition of slang and argot, we conclude that both of them have relation each other because they are part of varieties of language in sociolinguistics. However, argot is more specific than slang because argot is indicated for criminal act.

In this research, the researcher tries to analyze argot which is found in the lyrics of Snoop Dogg's rap songs in order to know the terms of argot related to drug addict. Lyrics of Snoop Dogg's rap songs are chosen as the main data because the lyrics contain many argot. Generally, this research would give useful information deeply to the researcher and also readers about argot in English.

1.2 The Problem of the Study

Due to the topic of study, the researcher chooses two problems to be discussed, They are as follows:

1. What are the meanings of argot related to drug addict found in *the lyrics of Snoop Dogg's rap songs?*

2. What are the purposes of using argot related to drug addict in *the lyrics of Snoop Dogg's rap songs?*

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

According to the problems discussed, this research is aimed to solve the two problems as follows:

1. To describe the meaning of argot related to drug addict found in *the lyrics of Snoop Dogg's rap songs.*

2. To describe the purposes of using argot related to drug addict.

1.4 The Scope of the Study

It is very important to limit the scope of the problem in this study in order to get detailed understanding about the topic of disscusion. This research discusses sociolinguistics as the main analysis. In this case, the researcher only wants to analyze part of sociolinguistics that is argot which is related to drug addict in the lyrics of Snoop Dogg's rap songs and the meanings of those terms which are related to drug addict. Afterwards, the reseacher also explains the purposes in using argot.

1.5 The Significance of the Study

Generally, the writer hopes that this research can give the readers valuable information about the use of argot related to drug addict in the lyrics of Snoop Dogg's rap songs. Besides, the researcher hopes that the result of this study can help the readers to increase their knowledge in the use of argot related to drug addict. Practically, the result of this research may stimulate other researchers to do some other research on the same topic with different approaches.

1.6 The Source of Data

The researcher chooses the lyrics of Snoop Dogg's rap songs as the source of data because there are many terms of argot related to drug addict in the lyrics. The data are taken from the seventeen albums of Snoop Dogg. All lyrics are provided in http://www.metrolyrics.com/snoop-dogg-albums-list.html. Moreover,

Snoop Dogg is one of the famous rappers who has many fans. He composes many songs by using argot in them. So, it could be a valid source of data of the research.