CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

According to Holmes (1992:1), sociolinguistics studies the relationship between language and society, sociolinguistics can help us to understand why we speaks differently in various social contexts. There are many language varieties in sociolinguistics, the variety can be in form of swear words, style, jargon register, etc. Swear words is variety of language which shows the informality of language

Nowadays people tend to use swear words in daily communication. They are used especially when people feel mad at something or someone. People in the United States use this kind of words for their daily lives, not only in daily lives but also in movies and music. This is so controversial in public because not only adult who watch the movie but also children.

Even though swear words is commonly used in the daily life, there are some people who do not know the meaning or the purposes of using the swear words. Some people especially kids who just become a teenager. They tend to learn fast and try to copy what people say without knowing the real meaning of the words they utter including the swear words. Commonly, people or the teenager learn swear words from hearing from other people, listening to music, read some novel or comic books and watching movie,

One of the infamous movie which uses much swear words is *The Wolf of Wall Street*. *The Wolf of Wall Street* is a movie directed by Martin Scorsese and written by Terence Winter based on the *The Wolf of Wall Street* by Jordan Belfort, it is very controversial movie at the time. The swear words that used have a lot of varieties and certain purposes. There are some examples regarding the movie.

> *Check this out -- despite my completely **fucked-up** state, I could fly straight while still seeing two of everything*

The word **fucked-up** here belongs to a sexual intercourse swear words but the meaning is changing into messy or bad condition. This term is aimed to show the condition of the speaker which is bad at that time. In this movie the speaker (Jordan) is flying a helicopter while he is drunk and when he wants to land the copter he boast it to his co-pilot that even he is drunk he still can fly the copter without any problem.

The researcher interested to analyze the sociolinguistics aspect related to swear words in the movie entitled *The Wolf of Wall Street*. This movie contained many swear words that the researcher can read in every dialogue in the script or can hear and catch in the movie itself. This phenomenon catches the researcher attention to analyze this. Therefore, this research is going to discuss the swear words in *The Wolf of Wall Street*

1.2 Statement of the Problems

The topic discussed in this research is swear words in the movie entitled "The Raid". Regarding to this problems there are two major problems that will be analyzed. The two problems are:

1. What are the kind of swear words used in the movie entitled *The Wolf of Wall Street*?

2. What are the purposes of using swear words in this movie?

1.3 Objective of Study

1. To describe and divide into group the kinds of swear words which are used in the movie entitled *The Wolf of Wall Street*

2. To describe the purposes of using swear words in the movie entitled *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

1.4 The Scope of Study

Limiting the research is necessary to know where the research will go. Regarding to the phenomenon that occurs in this society, the researcher decide to analyze the scientific study of language also known as linguistics. Linguistics has so many branches one of them is sociolinguistics. Since sociolinguistic is still too broad, the only aspect which is discussed in this study is swear words. In this case the swear words that will be discussed are taken from movie.

1.5 The Significance of The Study

The result of this study will help people to understand more about swear words. It is especially for those who watch *The Wolf of Wall Street* because sometimes people do not understand what is the meaning and the purpose of the swear words that are used in this movie. The researcher hopes that the viewers does not misinterpret the meaning of the words, and they will understand better in what context the swear words are used