

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 The Background of the Study

Language is very important in human life. It is needed to express our ideas and wishes. Besides, language is also used as a means of communication in social intercourse, so language is one of the most important characteristics of human behavior. Sapir stated that language is purely human and non instinctive method of communicating ideas, emotions and desires by means of a system of voluntarily produced symbol (1949: 8). The quotation implies that by language, human beings can express their ideas and communicate to other people. Then, communication is the mediator of human interaction to extend information, opinion and feeling.

Linguistic is the scientific study of language (Lyons, 1981:1). Linguistic study is divided into two parts. They are pure linguistic and cross linguistic. Pure linguistic includes phonetic, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantic. Phonetic is the study of speech sounds. Further, phonology is the study of the sound pattern of language. Morphology is the study of morphemes. Next, syntax is a study of interrelationship of words, while semantic is study of the meaning of words and sentences. Cross linguistic involves psycholinguistic, sociolinguistic and applied linguistic.

According to Holmes (1992:1), sociolinguistic studies the relationship between language and society. From the explanation, we can conclude that

language can be used for extending information about the participants themselves. For instance: age, gender, social status, the character and the participant's belief. Sociolinguistic also concerns with language varieties. Variety of language is a system of linguistic expression. The variety of language usage can be in the form of style, swear word, slang, colloquial, jargon, argot and register. Swear word is a variety of language which shows the informality of language.

This research discusses about swear words in *Fast and Furious* movie series which are frequently uttered by the actors and the actresses in those movie series. Some people use swear words in certain situation. The use of swear word is to express of what the speakers feel by swearing, cursing and insulting people. Fromkin and Rodman stated that swear word has been defined as one of those things that everybody can recognize and nobody can define. Sometimes the use of swear word introduces new words in language by recombining some words into new meaning (1958:342).

Swear words are commonly related to violence, sex and the other bad things. Although many swear words have negative meaning (they are often uttered when something or someone is annoyed), uttering swear words has been a habit for some people to communicate one another. Therefore, the researcher is interested in analyzing the sociolinguistic aspects of using swear words in the popular movie series *Fast and Furious*.

Swear Words Used in *Fast and Furious* Movie Series is chosen as the topic of discussion in this research because it could enrich our knowledge about the analysis of the kinds of swear words, the users of swear words and the

purposes of uttering swear words. So, the researcher hopes that the result of this research would give useful information in the field of sociolinguistics.

## **1.2 The Statement of the Problem**

In this research, there are some problems which occur in analyzing swear words. The problems which are discussed are as follows:

1. What are the kinds of swear words used in *Fast and Furious* movie series?
2. Who are the users of swear words in *Fast and Furious* movie series?
3. What are the purposes of using swear words in *Fast and Furious* movie series?

## **1.3 The Objectives of the Study**

In line with the problems above, this research tries to answer the three questions, namely:

1. To describe the kinds of swear words used in *Fast and Furious* movie series
2. To describe the users of the swear words in *Fast and Furious* movie series
3. To describe the purposes of uttering swear words in *Fast and Furious* movie series

#### **1.4 The Scope of the Study**

It is important to limit the problems that are discussed in this research in order to get detailed information about swear words. The researcher only wants to analyze the sociolinguistic meaning of swear words which often occur in the movie series entitled *Fast and Furious*. Hopefully, this study may be useful as references for other researchers to do a research in the field of sociolinguistics. Furthermore, the information could be the appropriate inputs for readers in understanding swear words.

#### **1.5 The Source of the Data**

In this research, the data were collected from a series of movie entitled *Fast and Furious* movie series; *The Fast and The Furious* (2001), *2 Fast 2 Furious* (2003), *The Fast and The Furious Tokyo Drift*, *Fast and Furious* (2009), *Fast Five* (2011) and *Furious 6* (2013). There are many swear words in the movies that attract the researcher's attention. As a result, the researcher is interested in choosing that movie as the source of the data. Hence, they could be the valid data of the research.