

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

As human beings, people need a way to deliver message or idea to other people by communication. Language is one of the important things in communication. We live in a world of language. By using language, people can make a relationship with other people in their life. It is supported by O'Grady et al as follows "Language is many things, a system of communication, a tool for thought, a medium for self expression, a social institution, a source of ethnic pride and political controversy (2005:1)."

The quotation above implies that language has a function as a tool of communication to make a relationship with other people. All normal human beings have at least one language.

It proves that in daily life, language is very important because of its role. The language plays an important role as a means of communication in our social life. As social creatures that live together with the others, we need language to make an interaction. Language is very significant in communicating our idea, feeling, experience, and emotion.

Lado (1961:2) states that "Language is primary instrument of communication among human beings in community." It is understandable that to understand each other and to build an interaction, we need language and by this way we can develop our ability in language usage.

There are many ways to learn about language. Linguistics is a scientific study of language. Linguistic study involves phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, sociolinguistics, and psycholinguistics. Sociolinguistics is a branch of linguistics which studies about language in relation to society. Sociolinguistics 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, slang, colloquial, jargon, argot, and register. Slang is a variety of language which shows the informality of language.

In this case, the writer will analyze about slang. Some people use slang in certain situation. The use of slang is to introduce new words which only understood by the speakers of slang. Fromkin and Rodman say that slang has been defined as one of those things that everybody can recognize and nobody can define. The use of slang, or colloquial language, introduces many new words in language by recombining old words into new meaning (1958:342).

Some people relate slang words to a violent, drug, sex, and the other bad things. People in United States use slang words not only for daily communication, but also in music. Music which contains many slang words is Rap music. There are many aspects of Rap music that can be identified because from its very beginning, Rap has always been controversial. The lyrics are so vulgar, so violent, so that there are many extreme aspects to be discussed. There are many ways to express the feelings; one of them is through the music. Since the black people did not have the equal rights and injustice treatment from the country, they prefer to express their feeling through the lyric of song they made, in order to make other

people especially whites hear their voice. Nevertheless, people must realize and remember that rap music is a reflection of the problem of black people's society.

Most of the singers in America especially rapper are commonly using slang words in their song's lyrics. That is why the writer interested in analyzing the uses of slang from one of the famous rapper lyrics. Most of the orientations of the lyrics in Eminem's songs contain of sexual slang. This aspect will be analyzed deeper in the next chapter.

The Use of Slang Related to Sex in Eminem's Rap Songs' Lyrics is chosen as the topic of discussion in this research because it can enrich our knowledge and vocabulary in analyzing the meaning of slang itself. It is important to make this research because it can be used to obtain information about slang especially to find out and to understand the meanings of slang in the lyrics of rap songs. The writer hopes that the result of this research would give useful information about slang in English.

1.2 The Statement of Problems

Based on the background of the study above, the writer would like to find out possible answer to the following questions :

1. What are the meanings of slang related to sex found in *Eminem's* rap songs' lyrics?
2. What are the purposes of using slang related to sex in *Eminem's* rap songs' lyrics?

1.3 The Objectives of Study

Based on the statement of the problems that mention above, this research tries to answer the two questions, namely :

1. To describe the meanings of slang related to sex found in Eminem's rap songs' lyrics.
2. To describe the purposes of using slang related to sex.

1.4 The Scope of Study

It is necessary to limit the scope of the problem in this study in order to get a detailed understanding about the topic of discussion. This research discusses Sociolinguistics as the main analysis. In this case, the writer only wants to analyze about part of sociolinguistics that is slang which appears in Eminem's songs lyrics and the meanings of those words that are related to sex, also the purpose in using slang.

1.5 The Data of Research

The data of this research are taken from the lyrics of Eminem songs. It is taken from Eminem nine albums: *Infinite (1995)*, *Slim Shady LP (1999)*, *The Marshall Mathers LP (2000)*, *The Eminem Show (2002)*, *8 Mile (2002)*, *Encore (2004)*, *Curtain Call (2005)*, *The Re-Up (2006)*, and *Relapse (2009)*. There are some reasons in choosing the data above. First, the writer finds many slang terms in the lyrics. Secondly, Eminem is a well known rapper who has many fans. So, it could be a valid source of data of the research.

1.6 The Systematization of Writing

This thesis contains of five chapters. The content of each chapter is as follows :

1. Chapter I

This chapter is introduction. It includes the background of the study, the statements of the problems, the objectives of study, the scope of study, the data of research, and the systematization of writing.

2. Chapter II

This chapter discusses the theories which are used to support the analysis. It covers the short understanding about slang related to sex in Eminem's songs.

3. Chapter III

This chapter presents research method which is applied to conduct the research. The research method involves kinds of research, population, sample, data collecting, and technique of data analysis.

4. Chapter IV

This chapter discusses the analysis of the data. In this chapter the researcher will describe the meaning of slang words which is appear in Eminem's Rap songs' lyrics. After that the researcher will describe the purpose in using slang and also relate them to sex.

5. Chapter V

This chapter shows the conclusion as the result of data analysis.