

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

As social humans, they need interaction with each other and can be facilitated through language. According to Wardaugh (1986:12) language functions to exchange, represent, and regulate human experience as members of society. In addition, language also has an important role in connecting one social relationship to another. Without language, humans cannot communicate with each other. On the other hand, the use of language is not only done by individuals but also collectively in a society. Moreover, each community makes its own language that is different from other communities. Languages can vary and serve different purposes in different situations and places.

Therefore, there are many variations of the language to be found. One of them is slang. According to Pertridge (2004: 204) slang is a kind of informal vocabulary, which is usually used in conversation by people who know each other well. He continued, slang also serves to help people communicate with the intention of maintaining the conversation itself in order to create closeness to each other in the real world or even in cyberspace.

Based on observations, slang is also used in everyday conversation. because it is an informal language. Usually, this kind of speech is used by certain groups to look different from others. This is to prevent strangers from understanding their conversation. The use of slang is not only found in spoken conversation but is also used in the lyrics of Ed Sheeran's songs. which can be watched and heard on

various social media used by everyone, because Ed Sheeran himself has posted about himself on various social media via TV, Instagram, Facebook, etc. According to Lyrics, (2020) on wikipedia. <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/lyrics>. It allows users to hear song lyrics from ed sheeran. So the writer found some slang words used in Ed Sheeran's song lyrics, such as:

1. (wanna) me at a party I don't wanna
2. ('cause) because I didn't care when i was a baby, yeah
3. (phone) and keeps ringing on my phone

The first word in bold "wanna" is abbreviated from want. The slang function of want is that he doesn't want to be in that type. While the word "cause" is made from the word "cause" which is a slang in Ed Sheeran's song lyrics, not using the letter (be) so that the lyrics of the song become easier. Next, the word "telephone" which means "phone". The use of slang is widely found among teenagers, even with friends, not only in song lyrics. to Most musicians who write their songs use slang words.

They have many types of music such as: pop, rock, rap, melodic and jazz. This allows users to interact freely and casually with each other as well as shorten the time. Another example of Ed Sheeran's song lyrics is: man (frends). Therefore, it is the reason why researchers are interested in analyzing slang words with the title: **“An Analysis of Slang Words found in *Album Best Song Vol.1* Lyrics by Ed Sheeran ”**

1.1. Research Problem

From the statement background of study above the writer formulate the two research questions:

1. What are the types of slang words used by Ed Sheeran lyric?
2. What are the types of word formation?

1.2. Aims of Study

In this research limits discussion by focusing on:

1. To find out the types of slang words used Ed Sheeran in lyric?
2. To identify the types of slang word formation?

1.3. Significance of Study

The writer hopes that this research is able to enrich the writers in comprehending about slang. Besides that, to understand the dominant slang word that used by Ed Sheeran lyric of song. The research hopefully has some benefit for all students, especially at English letters department student. Also in this research, the student is able to apply their knowledge and comprehend slang word in appropriate daily conversation, especially in informal situation.

1.4.1. Implication

This research is directed to analyze slang used by Ed Sheeran his lyrics of song. One song to another lyric of Ed Sheeran has different meaning each other, and the song lyrics can be validity interpreted in different ways by different reader. Based on Yule (2006:52-59) slang words formantion consists of cockney slang, public house slang, and workmen's slang. Comparative language consists of Personification, Coinage, Borrowing, Compounding, Blending, Clipping, Backformation, Conversation, Acronym, Derivation.

1.4.2. Application

1. This research is beneficial to enlarge theory especially the form of slang.
2. This study is also useful for further references for those who are interested in conducting a research on slang.
3. The study contributes to English lecturers in their English teaching process, and it gives additional knowledge to English students and English lecturers.