

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter presents the Background of the Research, Statement of the Problems, Objective of the research, Significance of the Research, Limitation of the Research and Operational Definition.

### **1.1 Background of The Research**

Taboo word is a word that is inappropriate to say or a word that contains a prohibition that should not be utter in public and in the community. According to Wardhaugh (2000) taboo is prohibition or avoidance that cannot be used by human being in any society because it will hurt its members and make them feel anxious, embarrassment, or shame”.

Teaching English used language is one of sociolinguistic learning. Sociolinguistic is the study of the relationship between language and society. Language is very important in human’s life. Every people need communication using a language without language we can’t know what other people said and what other people mean. Taboo words as a bad word is a new subject or material because used taboo words is a new material especially in song lyrics. Because taboo words usually appear in song lyrics. So, the researcher interesting to used taboo words in teaching English because the researcher want to teach new things or new material using taboo words. Taboo words should not be used in daily conversation because taboo words have a negative meaning. People didn’t say taboo words in daily conversation because taboo words are the same as reproach and sometimes people used taboo words to express their anger and unpleasant feelings. As a result, taboo words can be founding easily in our environment, for the example in song lyrics, in movies and in real life. Some people say taboo words when they are angry because they cannot control their anger when they are angry and accidentally say taboo words. For the example, the words like Damn, Shit, and Fuck.

This research focuses on taboo words in Niki's song lyrics. The researcher takes Niki's as source of data. Niki is an Indonesian singer, songwriter, and record producer. The full name is Nicole Zefanya; she familiarly called "NIKI". She was born 24 January 1999, was raise in Jakarta, Indonesia. When she was young, she went to PelitaHarapan School in Lippo Village, Indonesia. Then in 2017, she moved to Nashville, Tennessee to study Music at Lipscomb University. In 2017, she joined 88rising as an artist. 88rising is American agency in United States that founder Sean Miyashiro. The company has gained popularity as a musical platform and label primarily for Asian American and Asian artists who released music in the United States, such as Rich Brian, NIKI, Stephanie Poetri, Joji, Keith Ape, Jackson Wong, Lexie Liu, Higher brother and many more.

The researcher is interested in analyzing taboo words in Niki's song lyrics. The researcher chooses five of Niki's song. The song that the researcher chooses is Around, I like u, Lowkey, Plans and See u never. The reason chooses this song because most of Niki's songs have a deeper meaning. Every song has a different meaning, emotion and feelings. Most of Niki's song tells about love and life. She tells the story of his love and his own life into his songs based on true story. The researcher chooses song because song can be getting easily on phone. Some people like listens a song because listens a song can improve mood, improves concentration, improves memory and improves health. The researcher chooses 5 the most popular songs lyrics from Niki's songs. The song that the researcher chooses is Around, I like u, Lowkey, Plans and See u never from the lyrics, the researcher can guess that each songs has an interesting taboo words to analyze.

## **1.2 Statement of the Problems**

Based on the background of the research above the writer determines the following the research identification about analysis of taboo words on five Niki's song lyrics. Then, the researcher arranges identification of the problem referred to the background of the problem above those are:

1. What are the types of taboo words are used in five Niki's song lyrics?
2. What are the functions of taboo words in five Niki's song lyrics?

### **1.3 Objective of the Research**

The purposes of the research are:

1. To describe the types of taboo words are used in five Niki's song lyrics.
2. To find out the functions of taboo words in five Niki's song lyrics.

### **1.4 Significance of the Research**

Regarding the background and the objective of the research, this research will give significance theoretically and practically.

#### **1. Theoretically**

The researcher hopes the result of this research can be useful for the other researcher for those who are interested and the researcher hopes that this research is help the readers to get to know more about taboo words.

#### **2. Practically**

The researcher hopes this research is expecting to give some information especially about taboo words.

### **1.5 Limitation of the Research**

The limitation of his study is the researcher focused on analyzing the song lyrics especially in taboo words. The researcher chooses 5 the most popular songs lyrics from Niki's songs. There are Around, I like u, Lowkey, Plans and See u never. There are two limitations of this study, the first is the types of taboo words and the second is the function of taboo words.

### **1.6 Operational Definition**

The operational definitions of the terms are as follow:

1. Taboo words is prohibition or avoidance that cannot be used by human being in any society because it will hurt its members and make them feel anxious, embarrassment, or shame.
2. Song is a short poem or number of verse set to music and intended to be song.
3. Lyric are written as a form of interaction between the writer and the listeners.
4. 5 Niki's Song Lyric

