

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the writer presents the background of the research, the statements of the problem, the objectives of the research, the significance of the research, the scope of the research, and the operational definition.

1.1 Background of the Research

Language is a tool for human to communicate with others. Language is always develops from time to time because of the human need and social conditions. According to Chaika (1994:8), language cannot be fixed at any point. It develops based on the wish, needs, and wants of speakers. In language choice, the speakers may choose two languages (involving code switching), mix code, and use set of variant within the same language (Fasold: 1996).

Language can be used to represent who someone is. By using the language, people will easily know how to behave and respond to the interlocutors. People may talk to someone in a formal or informal way. In this case, slang words are characterized by a high degree of informality and mainly occur in the spoken form of language. Slang might have important effect for English language learners because it can motivate them to learn language which will provide the English language learners with relevant authentic sources of language use as well as it enhances students' informal communication skills (Elsherif & Nadia, 2015). Teaching English language learners the informal varieties and raising the attention to not misuse and overuse slang will help them to cope easily with the new language.

Holmes (2001:183) states that slang belongs to vocabulary area and reflects person age. Slang becomes the privilege of the youth and considered uncommon by older person in general and belongs to the identity of a particular group. Mostly, people know that slang is used by the teenagers.

Slang can be easily found in movies. Through movies, people will learn and adapt the slang words that usually used by the actors. Nowadays, slang words are used in daily life in almost all country in the world. Slang also becomes an important

feature in American culture. Many of American movies which are imported to Indonesia are teenagers' movies. It can be action movies, horror movies, or even animation movies.

Considering the idea above, the writer wants to do the research about the slang words that can be found in a movie. The movie which is chosen is animation entitled "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water". This movie is chosen because it is interesting movie so people love to watch the movie and it has easy-to-understand plot. SpongeBob Squarepants is an American animated comedy television movie.

1.2 Statements of the Problem

Based on the background of the research above, the writer formulates the statements of the problem as follow:

- 1) What types of slang words are used in "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water"?
- 2) What functions of the slang words are used in "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water"?

1.3 Objectives of the Research

Based on the statements of the problem above, the writer decides the objectives of the research as follow:

- 1) To find out the types of slang words used in "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water".
- 2) To find out the functions of the slang words used in "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water".

1.4 Significance of the Research

The result of this research is expected to be beneficial both theoretically and practically. Theoretically, this research can be used as references by the next researchers who want to conduct the similar research.

Practically, the writer hopes that this research can give information to the others about slang words, so that people will understand and well-informed about

slang word. Therefore, knowing slang can help people to avoid misunderstanding when they interact with others.

1.5 Scope of the Research

This research focuses on two things. The first is about the types of slang word used in “The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water”. The second is the functions of the slang words used in “The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water”.

1.6 Operational Definitions

Based on the title of the research, the writer would like to define several things as follow:

1) Slang word

Slang word is a type of language that consists of words and phrases that are regarded as informal and is typically restricted to a particular context or group of people.

2) The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water

The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water is a 2015 American animated comedy movie.