

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter presents Background of the Research, Statement of the Problem, Objective of the Research, Purpose of the Research, Significance of the Research, Scope of the Research, and Operational of Definition.

1.1 Background of the Research

Language is a means of communication that people use anytime and anywhere. Language is a human ability. This lets in human interactions to be outstanding from the ones of different organisms on Earth. In other words, people use language to communicate with each other. Language is one of many different communication systems, e.g., a system unique to humans and distinct from animal systems (Chaer, 2009). Language is a tool for communicating thoughts, ideas, concepts, or feelings. Language is the most complete and effective form of communication for conveying ideas, messages, intentions, feelings and opinions to others (Walija, 1996).

The role of language is not only a communication tool, it is also a thinking tool. English language students not only aim to possess good language skills but also to enhance their communication skills through literature, thereby improving their social interactions (Nurcahyo, 2019). In other words, it can be said that a person cannot think without language. Language has an important role in building relationships with others. Language evolve and change as people use them to communicate with people of different backgrounds. One language variation is figurative language.

To simplify the meaning, people use different words depending on the situation. People use figurative language such as personification, hyperbole, simile, and metaphor to more easily communicate their thoughts in writing and orally. A figurative language is a phrase that conveys a message or point beyond the literal meaning of the word. Figurative language use words that deviate from their usual meaning to convey more complex meanings. In general, we use comparative

language to more clearly describe the nature or physical form of something. In this way, it is more effective to refer to them without directly expressing their concrete meaning. Figurative language are usually used to make the sentences more interesting and imaginative. Using figurative language makes your writing more interesting and dramatic than using words that relate directly to the facts. Figurative language are found in poetry, short stories, song, and other literary works. There are many types of figurative language such as metaphor, personification, hyperbole, irony, and others.

Currently, figurative language has been used in various literary works, one of which is song. Song have a great impact on humans. A song is a music with meaningful words from the author. The words of a song are called lyrics. Lyrics can include a series of verses usually telling the story of the author. In the lyrics of the song usually contains the outpouring of the author's heart. With its beautiful tone and heartfelt lyrics, it was loved by many people and gained popularity. That's why people like it when songwriter write lyrics because it corresponds to the experience of the songwriter. It is a figurative language commonly used by singers and songwriters to reach listeners who are going through the same experience or feeling the same emotions as the lyrics.

Jessie J, her original name is Jessica Ellen Cornish, was born on March 27, 1988. In 2015, Jessie J released a song entitled Flashlight. Flashlight was written by Sia Furler, Christian Guzman, Jason Moore, and Sam Smith. The song Flashlight means a light bulb in the dark. Darkness means fear. A light bulb is meant to illuminate the darkness that can help her. become more courageous to face fear. As it is told in the song, Flashlight is about someone who is in a bad condition but is able to get through it because there is someone who accompanies her.

Based on the phenomenon found on the Tiktok platform, there is a video content that tells us that a person is experiencing a bad condition in his life, but still living the condition with someone who makes her experience sadness or fear while the meaning of Flashlight song tells about someone who finds someone to rise from the reproach to make his life more beautiful. Thus, the writer chooses this song to

correct the view of the society who enjoys the Flashlight song by reading this research so that there is no misunderstanding in the interpretation of the meaning.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the research above, the writer formulates the statement of the problem are:

1. What are the types of figurative language in “Flashlight” song lyrics by Jessie J?
2. What are the meaning of figurative language realized in “Flashlight” song lyrics by Jessie J?

1.3 Objective of the Research

In this research, the objective of the research are:

1. To identify of the types of figurative language in “Flashlight” song lyrics by Jessie J.
2. To analyze the meaning of figurative language realized in “Flashlight” song lyrics by Jessie J.

1.4 Significance of the Research

The main purpose of this research is to inform the readers about the types of figurative language used in “Flashlight” song lyrics by Jessie J. In addition, the writer also hopes the readers can understand about what the meanings of figurative language in “Flashlight” song lyrics by Jessie J. So, they get knowledge about figurative language and can improve their language skills. This research can be a reference for the further researchers who want to analyze about figurative language.

The findings in this research are expected to be useful and relevant in some respects, both theoretically and practically:

1.4.1 Theoretically

The findings of this research can get knowledge about the types of figurative language, can understand what the meaning of figurative language of a song. A

study of figurative language is very important because it is one aspect of the language and can improve one of language skills, it is listening skill.

As a result of this research, we can gain knowledge about the types of figurative language and understand the meaning of figurative language in song. Figurative language are an aspect of language and a language skill. The study of figurative language is very important as it can improve listening comprehension.

1.4.2 Practically

Hopefully, this research could be used as a reference, for student to expand to the knowledge about the meaning of figurative language. For teacher provide information and as an additional reference that may be useful to more understand about figurative language. For readers to add more knowledge about the types figurative language and meaning of a song and also being alternative references for readers can write related thesis with a different topic in their research.

1.5 Scope of the Research

In this research, the scope of the research focuses on analyzing the type and meaning of figurative language which is found in “Flashlight” song lyrics by Jessie J. According to Lazar (2003) in his book "Meanings and Metaphors", figurative language is an expression or words that have a metaphorical meaning. There are many types of figurative language that are often used by songwriters. Figurative language style consists of simile, metaphor, allegory, personification, allusion, eponym, epithet, synecdoche, metonymy, antonomasia, hypalase, irony, satire, innuendo, antiphrasis, paronomasia that the writer used to analyze figurative language that found in Flashlight song lyrics by Jessie J. Meaning is part of the semantics attached to what is said. But in determining the meaning is difficult because everyone’s views are different. As said by Pateda (2001) that the meaning of are astonishing words and terms. The writer restricted the research to just one song from the lyrics of Jessie J's song, Flashlight.

1.6 Operational Definition

Based on the title of the research, several terms can be defined in the operational definition, they are:

1.6.1 Figurative Language

Figurative language is a language used by the imagination to convey a message. Figurative language is the style of spoken word that builds the mood of a sentence and makes it come alive. Figurative language are also commonly found in literary works such as novels, poems, short stories and songs. The use of figurative language in literary works is intended to clarify the text and make it pleasing to the ear. Figurative languages relate to the teaching of English, that is, can help students develop language skills, one of which is listening skills. Figurative language helps improve their listening comprehension. The use of figurative language in songs can also add an additional dimension to learning English, helping students understand language in a richer and more meaningful context. This approach can also increase the motivation and involvement of students by involving them in materials relevant to their daily lives and interests.

1.6.2 Song

Song is a person's way of expressing emotions and feelings in a fun way. A song is a work of art that is more related to the art of sound and the art of language than to a work of sound that is related to the melody and voice of the singer. Songs contain deep meanings to express what they have experienced and felt, allowing listeners to feel the emotions contained within. From this we can conclude that the song is a verse that sounds with an interesting rhythm for the pleasure of the listener. A song can be an outburst of emotions such as happy, sad, or emotion.

1.6.3 Lyrics

Lyrics and poetry play an important role in the composition of music and songs and are important in conveying meaning and messages to listeners. And it can be used as a means or medium of communication that reflects the social realities circulating in society. A poem or poem is a literary work, a poem that contains an

outburst of emotions. Texts are also interpreted as utterances by poets and writers outlined in words of aesthetic value.

1.6.4 Jessie J

Her original name was Jessica Ellen Cornish. The singer Jessie J was born in Redbridge. She has been playing music since 2005. After writing a successful song, Jessie J signed an international recording contract with Universal Music Group. In 2015, Jessie J released Flashlight song lyrics. Flashlight song lyrics are written by Sia Furler, Christian Guzman, Jason Moore, and Sam Smith. Flashlight music video uploaded to Jessie J's official YouTube.

