AN ANALYSIS OF SLANG WORDS USED IN 'SUICIDE SQUAD' MOVIE

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Abstract: *This research aimed to find out the types of slang words that used by all characters in 'Suicide Squad' movie. The design of the research was descriptive qualitative research. The data source was the 'Suicide Squad' movie directed by David Ayer. The movie was released in 2016 and its duration was about 2 hours 17 minutes. The data of this research were the slang words that were found in 'Suicide Squad' movie. The data were collected by watching, observing, and writing down the slang words found in the movie. To analyze the slang words, this study was applied Allan and Burridge's (2006) theory. The results of the analysis showed that 103 data of slang words were found in the 'Suicide Squad' movie, with Flippant as the most dominant type of slang words that used in 'Suicide Squad' movie. In conclusion, slang is a common word that used in spoken language for daily life. We need to understand the slang words in order not to get misunderstanding.*

Key Words: Language, Slang, Movie

ANALISIS KATA-KATA SLANG YANG DIGUNAKAN DALAM FILM 'SUICIDE SQUAD'

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Abstrak: Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui jenis kata slang yang digunakan oleh semua karakter dalam film 'Suicide Squad'. Metode penelitian ini adalah penelitian kualitatif deskriptif. Sumber datanya adalah film 'Suicide Squad' yang disutradarai oleh David Ayer. Film ini dirilis pada tahun 2016 dan berdurasi sekitar 2 jam 17 menit. Data dari penelitian ini adalah kata-kata slang yang terdapat dalam film 'Suicide Squad'. Data dikumpulkan dengan cara menonton, mengamati, dan menuliskan kata-kata slang yang terdapat dalam film. Untuk menganalisis kata-kata slang, penelitian ini menggunakan teori Allan dan Burridge (2006). Hasil analisis menunjukkan bahwa terdapat 103 data kata slang yang ditemukan dalam film 'Suicide Squad', dengan Flippant sebagai jenis kata slang yang paling dominan digunakan dalam film 'Suicide Squad'. Kesimpulannya, bahasa slang adalah kata umum yang digunakan dalam bahasa lisan untuk kehidupan sehari-hari. Kita perlu memahami kata-kata slang agar tidak salah paham.

Kata Kunci: Bahasa, Slang, Film

INTRODUCTION

Language has an important role in human life. Language is used by people to communicate with each other. Based on Hornby in the Oxford Advanced Learner's dictionary (2006), language is a written and spoken communication system that is used by people around the world, or language is used by people to communicate and consists of sounds and words. Language consists of a set of sounds and written symbols. The language can be a piece of writing or we call it written language or can be speech or spoken language. Language can be used to refer to several means of communication including considerable symbols, non-verbal sounds, or actions. Language is adaptable and dynamic which will make additional opportunities in communication, so it is impossible that language simply can stop in a single word and one meaning since language can change as quickly as the development of human existence itself. From time to time, language always develops due to social conditions and human needs.

Language has two sorts of variations, which are standard and non-standard varieties. Holmes (2013) stated that the standard variety is an impressive, codified variety of language that has the highest social status and is used in formal situations such as in the interview, essay, study, research, etc. Meanwhile, the non-standard variety is a variety of language which is not standardized and less impressive. Usually, non-standard language is used to communicate with close people in all informal situations. The example of non-standard language, in this case, English, is the contracted form like I'm, you're, she's, they'll, I've, besides, the standard language must use a complete form like I am, you are, she is, they will, I have.

For instance, a non-standard language that exists in American English is slang. According to Hornby in OALD (2006), slang is words and expressions that are only suitable for spoken informal situations and not suitable for formal situations. Slang can be used to communicate with others, and it can make the situation getting fun and closer. Sometimes, the word slang has an implicit meaning, but also some words of the slang have an explicit meaning. Slang is usually used in our daily lives such as in direct conversation, personal messages, or in social media. The words "hilarious" and "cool" are some examples of slang that are usually used in daily life to express something great. Another example is the acronym "IYKWIM", which has become popular to be used in a personal message or social media, which means "If You Know What I Mean" and so on. We can find these sorts of non-standard words in every informal situation, not only in daily conversations, but also in magazines, radio, songs, and movies.

Nowadays, the researcher realized many people like to watch movies. It can be shown in the phenomenon where there are some new movies that have been released, and soon after that the movies directly become a worldwide topic. It shows the enthusiasm of people in watching movies is very high. That is why the researcher chose a movie as the object of this research and analyzed the types of slang words used in a movie. According to a definition from Oxford Learn Pocket Dictionary (2006), a movie is a cinema film or some entertainment that has a story. Individuals like to emulate the style and the way the actors and actresses talk in a movie, particularly when the characters use slang language. In this case, the researcher chose a movie with the title 'Suicide Squad' as a media to analyze about the slang words.

Based on Allan and Burridge (2006), slang can be divided into some category or classification, which is usually called a Type of Slang. There are 5 types of slang words based on Allan and Burridge's (2006) theory: 1. Fresh and Creative, 2. Flippant, 3.

Imitative, 4. Acronym, and 5. Clipping. Based on the explanation above, the researcher wants to find out the types' classifications of slang words that used by the characters in the 'Suicide Squad' movie. The researcher expects this research can give a positive contribution to the readers. We can learn about the slang words which are verbally expressed by the characters in the movie to increase our vocabulary. This study will answer the research questions "What are the types of slang words used by the characters in the 'Suicide Squad' movie?".

RESEARCH METHODS

A descriptive qualitative method was used as the base method of this research. Descriptive qualitative is a term used in qualitative research for studies that are descriptive such as explaining and mapping a phenomenon's characteristics or distribution. Quoting from Creswell (2018), a qualitative subject is characterized as an analysis method of understanding a social or human issue, based upon developing a complex, holistic picture, formed with words, revealing reality perspectives of sources, and led in a specific setting. Qualitative research finished by collecting and analyzing non-mathematical information like a manuscript, survey, interviews, even recordings with the purpose to have a superior comprehension of the ideas, opinions, or experiences it considered. In this research, the data has been collected, arranged or classified, and inductively analyzed. The objective of this research was to classified slang words based on Allan and Burridge's (2006) theory, and as a result, a conclusion was described from data analysis. The object of this research was slang language which is spoken by the entire actors and actresses in the Suicide Squad movie. Furthermore, the data that was found were analyzed by using qualitative method and descriptively explained.

The data of this research was the slang words that are spoken by the characters which were classified into the types of the slang words. The data was taken from the 'Suicide Squad' movie directed by David Ayer. The movie was released in 2016 and its duration is about 2 hours 17 minutes. While various resources such as journals, articles, news, fan discussion, and movie's script were used as crosscheck media for consistency and accuracy of main research data obtained.

In this research, the researcher was collected the data and analyzed the data by watching and understanding the movie, analyzing and classifying the types of slang words used in the 'Suicide Squad' movie. The researcher was also used some tools such as a laptop, notebook, and pencil to help her to analyzed the movie.
Furthermore, in conducting the research, the researcher used several steps proposed by Sudaryanto (1983) in conducting this research. The steps used in collecting the data are as follows:
- Downloaded the 'Suicide Squad' movie.
- Watched the 'Suicide Squad' movie closely and repeatedly with an English subtitle.
- Collected all of the slang words found in 'Suicide Squad' movie use a notebook and a pencil.
- Classified all of the slang words found in the 'Suicide Squad' movie by giving some codes for each type of slang words.

The researcher used these codes:

FC	=	Fresh and creative
FP	=	Flippant
IM	=	Imitative
AC	=	Acronym
CL	=	Clipping

The results of the analysis were presented by informal method by Sudaryanto (1983). In informal method, the result was described by using verbal language and then gives some explanation based on the analysis of the data.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Result

After analyzed the data, the researcher found that there are four types of slang words in 'Suicide Squad' movie. The researcher showed the result of slang used in 'Suicide Squad' movie according to each type.

1. **Fresh and Creative**
   There are 28 data of slang words that found in 'Suicide Squad' movie belong to **Fresh and Creative**. According to Allan & Burridge's classification of slang, it belongs to the **Fresh and Creative** type because of its new look of vocabulary from the English word. The word itself is usually used to initiate a relaxed and friendly conversation The slang words that found in the 'Suicide Squad movie are:

   - chow time
   - batsy
   - Shit
   - easy peasy
   - dude
   - mate
   - pussies
   - buddy
   - hunka hunka
   - errand boy
   - Lester
   - assholes
   - pep talk
   - cow girl
   - nope
   - hola
   - homie
   - pussy
   - gangsta
   - puddin'
   - hotness
   - dickhead
   - fly down
   - scumbags
   - shit
   - jeez
   - Goody
   - bitch

2. Flippant

There are 61 data of slang words that found in 'Suicide Squad' movie belong to **Flippant**. **Flippant** refers to a language composed of two words or more, and the words are not related to the denotative meaning. The slang words that found in the 'Suicide Squad movie are:

- You are really in bad shape upstairs, lady.
- Spring break!
- Get him mate!
- Open a goddamn gate!

- I've eaten a lot of canaries.

- My account's looking a little thin.
- You son of a bitch!
- You tripping, homie.
- You got a bad bitch.
- The itch in my crotch.
- It got personal.
- a black site.
- Do not fire that goddamn weapon!
- What the hell!
- Too much junk in the trunk?
- She killed it.
- Please have mercy.
- What a ride!
- Hold your fire!
- I like these odds.
- That's how I cut and run.
- Be a walk in the park.
- I will knock your ass out.
- My card is on the table.
- You all made it this far.
- could you pick up the pace?

- Load up!
- Own that shit!
- … is not a piece of shit.
- I am off my meds.
- Now you're screwed.

- Get off me!

- I'll blow your freaking head off!
- Get clear, get out of there!
- You sit there looking like the cat that ate the canary.
- This is the exterminator you called for your rat problem.
- Your window is gonna close forever.
- Are you sweet talkin' me?
- The hell are they?
- The fire in my loins.
- Don't want no beef?
- Not on my watch.
- Goddamn it!
- Damn it!

- Straighten up!
- She had a mouth.
- Mount up!
- She's got my back.
- It's a con.
- Copy that.
- Good riddance!
- Shut up!
- Use extreme caution.
- That shit crazy.
- a mean lady.
- how copy?
- going hot.

- We're the patsies.
- Knife fight
- Duck in.
- Step out of the shadows.

3. Imitative

There are 7 data of slang words that found in 'Suicide Squad' movie belong to **Imitative**. **Imitative** is another way to combine two words from the Standard English Word to generate a new word. Normally, the word is made by taking just the start of a word and connecting it to the end of that word. The slang words that found in the 'Suicide Squad movie are:

- ain't
- gonna
- gotta
- outta
- Imma
- wanna
- lotta

4. Acronym

There are 7 data of slang words that found in 'Suicide Squad' movie belong to **Acronym**. **Acronym** is the type of slang that is formed by the result of words with the first letter of each word in the phrase, or this type consists of a set of abbreviations of words or syllables. The slang words that found in the 'Suicide Squad movie are:

- AKA
- ASAP
- WW2
- WW3
- US
- HVT-1
- FEMA

Discussion

According to researcher's analysis, Flippant came up as the highest type that is frequently used and becomes the highest type used in the movie because it was used and found so many times in the dialog of the 'Suicide Squad' movie. There are 61 of 103 slang that can be considered as Flippant found in the 'Suicide Squad' movie, and the percentage is 59%. In response to the above findings, the researcher believes that Flippant came up as the highest type of slang used in the 'Suicide Squad' movie because the movie is coming from America where English becomes the native language, therefore, the choice of language used is more variety. Besides, the researcher also believes that their social background influenced the language used. Also, the actors have known each other because they are from the same background which is an actor. It might influence the language that they used and the meaning that they want to deliver. It also becomes a unique thing from the movie that most of the actors used denotative meaning to deliver the message. Moreover, the movie itself also opened for the use of slang words. Based on the researcher's understanding, this movie tells about a suicide squad where they came from different backgrounds of professions therefore, it is generally fine to use so many slang words in the dialog.

Moreover, Fresh and Creative becomes the second type that is frequently used in 'Suicide Squad' movie. There are 28 of 103 slang found that can be categorized as Fresh and Creative, and the percentage is 27%. Afterward, it is followed by Imitative and Acronym type in the last place. The percentage of all types of slang used in the 'Suicide Squad' movie are: 1. Flippant (59%), 2. Fresh and Creative (27%), 3. Imitative (7%), and 4. Acronym (7%). Therefore, it can be concluded that the highest type of slang used in 'Suicide Squad' movie is Flippant (59%) and the lowest type of slang used in 'Suicide Squad' movie are Imitative (6.24%) and Acronym (6.24%).

To discuss the findings above, the researcher also tried to compare and contrast them with the previous related studies. The type of slang that is frequently used in this study is flippant (59%). It is also supported by Allan and Burridge (2006) that said a phrase that has two or more terms in which the word written is not aligned with the denotative meaning is called a flippant. Flippant became the highest type because the actors in the suicide squad movie tended to use slang that has different meanings with the word that they say. Furthermore, Putrawan, Sudipa, and Sukarini (2019) also found flippant as the highest type used in 'Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle' movie. They found 26 slang used in the dialog which can be categorized as Flippant slang. Moreover, Imitative (6.24%) and Acronym (6.24%) came up as the lowest type used because the actors rarely used that type of slang. However, Manurung et.al (2020) found that in the 'Deadpool' movie, Imitative slang is the dominant type that is frequently used by the actors.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Conclusion

Based on the result and discussion, it can be concluded that in the 'Suicide Squad' movie, the types of slang used in 'Suicide Squad' movie are: 1. Fresh and Creative (27%), 2. Flippant (59%), 3. Imitative (7%), and 4. Acronym (7%). Therefore, the highest type of slang used in 'Suicide Squad' movie is Flippant (63.29%), and the lowest types of slang used in 'Suicide Squad' movie are Imitative (7%) and Acronym (7%). One important thing found is that Clipping is the type that is never been used by all of the actors in 'Suicide Squad' movie.

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Recommendation

In this study, the researcher only analyzed the types of slang words based on Allan and Burridge (2006), and the movie that the researcher chose is Suicide Squad. Therefore, future researchers are suggested to analyze the types of slang words by using different theories and different movies. Then, the researcher is hoped that the findings found in this study can be used as a reference for further studies.

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